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Family foils break-in

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Michigan State Police arrested three local teens for allegedly breaking into a family owned business early last Saturday morning.

According to Trooper Carlson Wilt, the teens, all male and all from Grayling, were apprehended early the morning of February 9 after they allegedly broke into the River Park Campground party store near Hartwick Pines State Park.

The campground and store are owned and operated by Dennis and Maureen Fyock. Maureen said had it not been for an annual event going on in the campground, the suspects may have gotten away with the crime.

"We had about 45 snowmobilers here for our Winter Blast," she said. Winter Blast is a weekend event that includes snowmobile races, slalom competition, trail rides and pot luck dinner and a big bonfire. She said because of the event, her son Terry and his family were up from the Flint area.

Family members had stayed up most of the night enjoying each other's company and playing board games. Around 5 a.m., Maureen said she heard a vehicle approaching and thought it was unusual, but that it may have been campers from another campground "stealing showers" as they have been known to do. She and her son, Terry, decided to check out the bath house and see if that is where the little 1999 purple Dodge Neon had gone.

Then Maureen said she noticed an unopened pack of cigarettes laying out in front of the store and a "Hansel and Gretel trail of coins" going out to the road. She said when she spotted a sign, that cus-

tomarily sits near the cash register in the store, laying outside near the road, she knew what had happened. The cash register had been stolen, along with some cigarettes and about \$90 to \$100 in cash.

Terry got into his van after spotting the suspects' vehicle and followed them. The suspects apparently missed a curve in the road and ended up in a snowbank during a brief pursuit, but were able to back up and get out of the jam. Maureen said they didn't count on being blocked by the van.

Terry, who is a 35-year old former Marine standing 6'5" and weighing about 275 pounds, ordered the teens out of their car and told them to lay on the ground. One teen resisted, but the other two obeyed. Dennis called 911 and Grayling City Police responded to help keep the boys in custody while awaiting the arrival of state troopers.

From evidence gathered and statements made by the Fyock family, it was learned the suspects gained entry through an unlocked exterior door to the game room at the campground store. When the trio discovered the interior door to the store was locked, they allegedly climbed over a lattice wall divider and entered the store area where the attempted larceny took place.

The teens, two age 17 and one age 18, were arrested and taken to the Crawford County Jail where they were booked on felony charges of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.

Maureen said she is disappointed and upset that the teens were bailed out within two hours of their arrest. "What lesson is being taught here

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STRUCTURE BURNT, EXTINGUISHED IN FIRE TRAINING EXERCISE

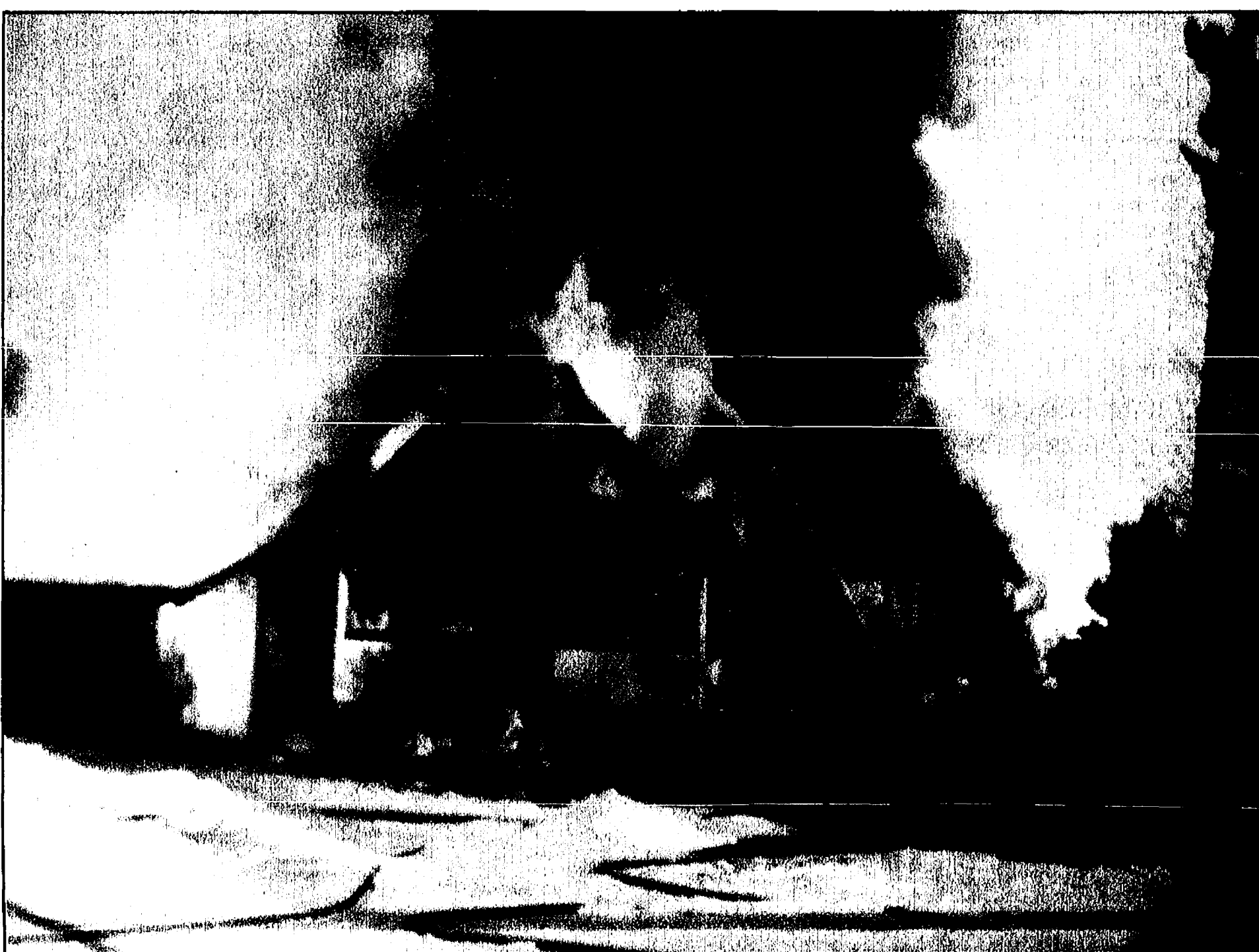


Photo courtesy of the Lovells Township Fire Department

Firefighters from Frederic, Lovells, and South Branch Township, along with departments from several other area townships, participated in a live burn exercise at a house on North Down River Road on Saturday, February 2. The structure was donated for the exercise. See Page 2A for story.

Help fulfill dying man's wish

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A Grayling man, terminally ill with an aggressive form of cancer, has made his dying wish known and is looking for help from the community and beyond to make it a reality.

Scott Slade, age 23, suffers from Metastatic Melanoma. Doctors said recently his condition is deteriorating rapidly, leaving him only weeks to live. His mother, Diana Kotrash, wrote a letter in late January to The Dream Foundation asking for help to fulfill her son's wish of going to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

"I am writing this for my son, Scott," Kotrash wrote, in part. "He was diagnosed with melanoma in 1998 when he was 18. He's been fighting this for four years, but he has lost his battle. He's done all the chemotherapy his body can handle and has had four major operations. He has over 30 tumors now.... He's scared to die, but he talks about what is after life and he's curious about it."

She shared with The Dream Foundation the financial hardship she and her husband have faced just trying to help their son and that they can not afford the trip to Disney World. Her son is currently under the care of Hospice of Michigan caregivers who Kotrash said are helping as much as possi-

ble.

Bill Duke, Dream Coordinator at the Orlando satellite office, said "time is of the essence" with the latest prognosis regarding Slade's condition. He said what is needed now is a generous donation of frequent flyer miles to cover airline expenses for Slade, as well as his mother and an Aunt Dorrie who care for him.

"Scott has been through so much medically and now just wants to go away with his family to forget about the future," Duke explained. "I want to help make this happen for him."

The Dream Foundation is similar to the Make A Wish Foundation, only it serves adults ages 18 to 65 instead of children. Since its inception in 1994, The Dream Foundation has fulfilled the dreams of over 1,500 terminally ill adults and their families across the country.

Those who wish to donate their United Airlines frequent flyer miles in any increment or Northwest Airlines miles in increments of 5,000 miles should call The Dream Foundation at (805) 564-2131 or (352) 728-5498; or donate miles at the organization's website: www.dreamfoundation.org.

Any left over miles will be "banked" and used to help fulfill the dream of another terminally ill adult.

GHS welcomes new principal

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling High School has a new principal and Crawford AuSable Schools' Superintendent Milli Haug would like everyone to meet her.

Brenda Hedden was hired last week to fill the vacancy left by Judi Gorski who retires March 1. Hedden was chosen from a slate of five candidates and was recommended to the school board by Haug following a second interview.

Hedden holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science/Secondary Education from Western Illinois University and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Central Michigan University. She is certified to teach in California, Illinois and Michigan.

The new principal has many years of experience teaching science at both the high school and middle school level. Hedden has administrative experience with alternative education, as well as in high school and middle school settings.

According to the Superintendent, Hedden and her husband consider themselves as being from Traverse City, but have lived in a few locations, including the Owosso area. Hedden and her



Brenda Hedden

husband are relocating to Grayling and their two children will be enrolled in school here.

Haug said she is excited to introduce Hedden to the community in an evening open house forum on Wednesday, February 20 at the high school. The "meet the principal" event begins at 7:30

p.m. in conjunction with the 8th grade parent informational meeting.

A highlight of the evening will be the "unveiling" of architectural drawings of the upcoming high school improvement project made possible by a successful millage campaign in 2001.

Three vehicle crash claims life of 87-year old Harrison woman

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

An investigation continues into a fatal accident that occurred Tuesday, February 5 in Roscommon County.

Michigan State Police (MSP) out of the Houghton Lake Post reported the three-vehicle accident took place at the intersection of Old US-27 and Snowbowl Road in Roscommon Township at approximately 1:40 p.m.

According to Sgt. Kenneth Holmes, 89-year old Earl Davis, of Harrison, was attempting to turn north onto Old US-27 from Snowbowl Road. The second vehicle, driven by 62-year old James Haines, also of Harrison, was travelling south on Old US-27 at the time and the third vehicle, driven by 39-year old David Dowling of Alpena, was stopped on the opposite side of Old US-27.

Witnesses told troopers that Davis appeared to have rolled through the stop sign at Snowbowl Road and into the path of the vehicle driven by Haines. Following a collision of these two vehicles, Continued on Page 2A
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Structure burnt, extinguished in fire training exercise

► About 40 area firefighters take part in live burn exercise on North Down

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Fire departments from Crawford and other area counties recently concluded months of training exercises at an area home with a controlled burn of the structure on Saturday, February 2.

Departments used the exercise to help train its new members and test out new equipment in a live but controlled fire environment. About 40 firefighters participated in all.

"We had a pretty good training over there on Saturday," said

Lovells Fire Chief Gary Davis. "We sure couldn't have asked for a better day to burn it. There was no wind. It went quick, but it was a lot of valuable training."

In addition to Lovells, fire departments from Frederic, Albert Township/Lewiston, South Branch Township, Higgins Lake, and Greenwood also participated in Saturday's burn.

Davis said his department takes part in live exercises such as Saturday's "every chance we get, whenever we get a house donated and preferably in winter, when there's snow on the ground."

The house burned on Saturday, located on North Down River Road near Kellogg's Party Store, was donated by Shirley and Wiley Gaff. Firefighters have been training there since last July, Davis said. Training exercises prior to the February 2 burn included use of a dry hydrant,

search and rescue (using dummies to simulate residents in need of rescue), ladder practice, and ventilation work.

The controlled burn exercise was used mainly to give new firefighters a sense of the heat and smoke generated by a house fire and give them an opportunity to use their breathing apparatus in the field, Davis said. They also tried different fire hose nozzles to note the effect of each on a fire.

To extinguish the blaze, the firefighters utilized a dry hydrant that was installed in the area last year. Tanker support was also present from each department, Davis said, and emergency medical technicians were also on site. Great Lakes Energy helped out by re-routing some of the electrical wires in the area, Davis said.

The Lovells Fire Department does accept "donations" of houses for

training exercises. For those who need a structure demolished, it can be a mutually beneficial transaction, since it will lower demolition costs for the owner and provide firefighters a valuable training site, department officials said.

The owners are still responsible for cleaning up the debris after the burn is conducted.

Davis said the department cannot accept all offers, however. The township must inspect the building first, and the Department of Environmental Quality also has to give its approval.

"If someone wants to donate, we can check it out and see if it's feasible," Davis said. "It needs to be something that's going to offer good training opportunities."

Anyone interested in donating a structure for fire training can contact the Lovells Township Hall at 348-9215.

Camp awards GRA Director



Photo courtesy of Camp Grayling

Camp Grayling Commanding Officer, Col. Dennis Hull, presented Cindy Olson, Director of Grayling Recreational Authority at Hanson Hills, with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Award on February 8.

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Haines proceeded across Old US-27 and struck Dowling's vehicle.

Dowling was not injured, but Davis and his 87-year old wife, Mary, were taken by Houghton Lake EMS to Mercy Hospital in Grayling where Mary was pronounced dead.

As of February 8, MSP reports Davis underwent surgery and was in critical condition immediately following the accident. His condition at press time was not available.

Haines and his 63-year old wife, Barbara, were also taken to Mercy Hospital where they were originally listed in fair condition and expected to be released shortly thereafter.

Their condition was also unavailable at press time.

Sgt. Holmes stated everyone involved in the accident were wearing seat belts and alcohol was not believed to have been a factor.

New free drug plan offered to seniors

Beginning today, low-income senior citizens can enroll in a new program by Pfizer Inc. that is intended to make their necessary prescription drugs more affordable. U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak said recently.

As described by Pfizer officials, the "Pfizer for Living Share Card Program" is a temporary program that is intended to assist seniors in purchasing their prescription drugs until the Medicare program is changed to provide such coverage.

Seniors who are 65 or older or are

otherwise a Medicare enrollee qualify for the program if they have an individual reported gross income below \$18,000 - \$24,000 for a couple - and have no other prescription coverage.

The program has no membership or enrollment fee, Stupak said, and no limits on the number of prescriptions or medicines. Once enrolled in the program, members pay a \$15 fee for each 30-day prescription of a Pfizer-brand medication.

"I have commissioned surveys in the 1st Congressional District to

demonstrate the extremely high prices that senior citizens must pay for many life-saving medications," Stupak said. "This program appears to be a great short-term solution to that problem until Congress reforms Medicare."

Information on the Pfizer program is available by calling 1-800-717-6005 or visiting the program Web site at: www.pfizerforliving.com.

The "Pfizer for Living Share Card Program" has received the endorsements of numerous groups that represent seniors, including AARP, The National Council on Aging, The Seniors Coalition, and United Seniors Coalition.

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when Mom and Dad bail them out so soon? They should have been made to stay the weekend so they could cool their heels and think about the seriousness of their actions... they broke the law," she said.

The storeowner, who said she has never had anything like this happen before at the campground, makes no apologies for how she feels and said she hopes "the boys get more than just a slap on the wrist, but that's up to Prosecutor John Huss." Huss could not be reached for comment prior to press time.

At least two of the teens are expected in 83rd District Court for arraignment early next week. Names of the suspects are being withheld pending arraignment.

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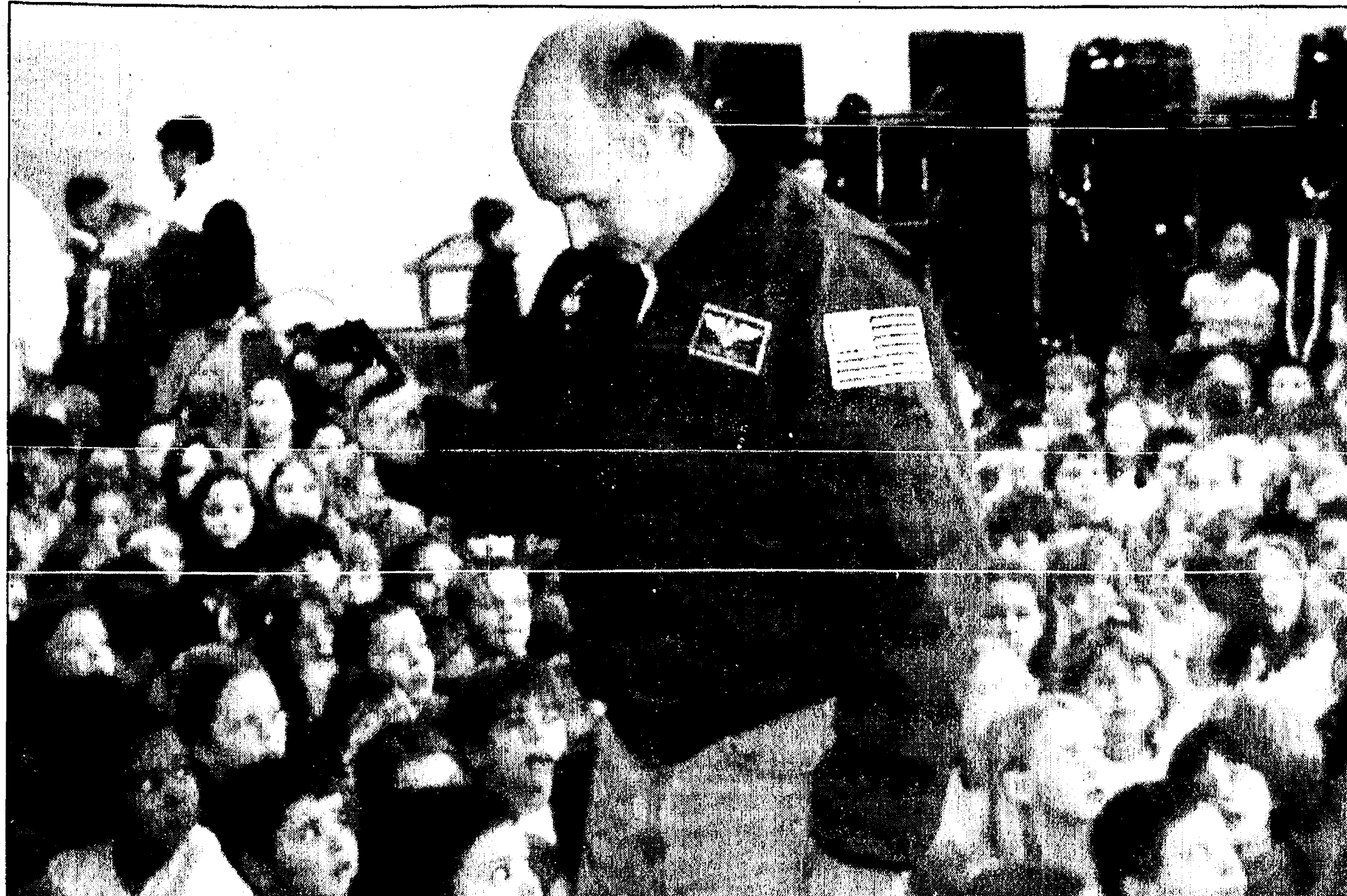
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Naval Commander Mark Kelly, who went up into space in the Endeavor, presents a slide show to Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Students last Tuesday at the AuSable Primary cafeteria.

Endeavor astronaut visits GES, AuSable Primary

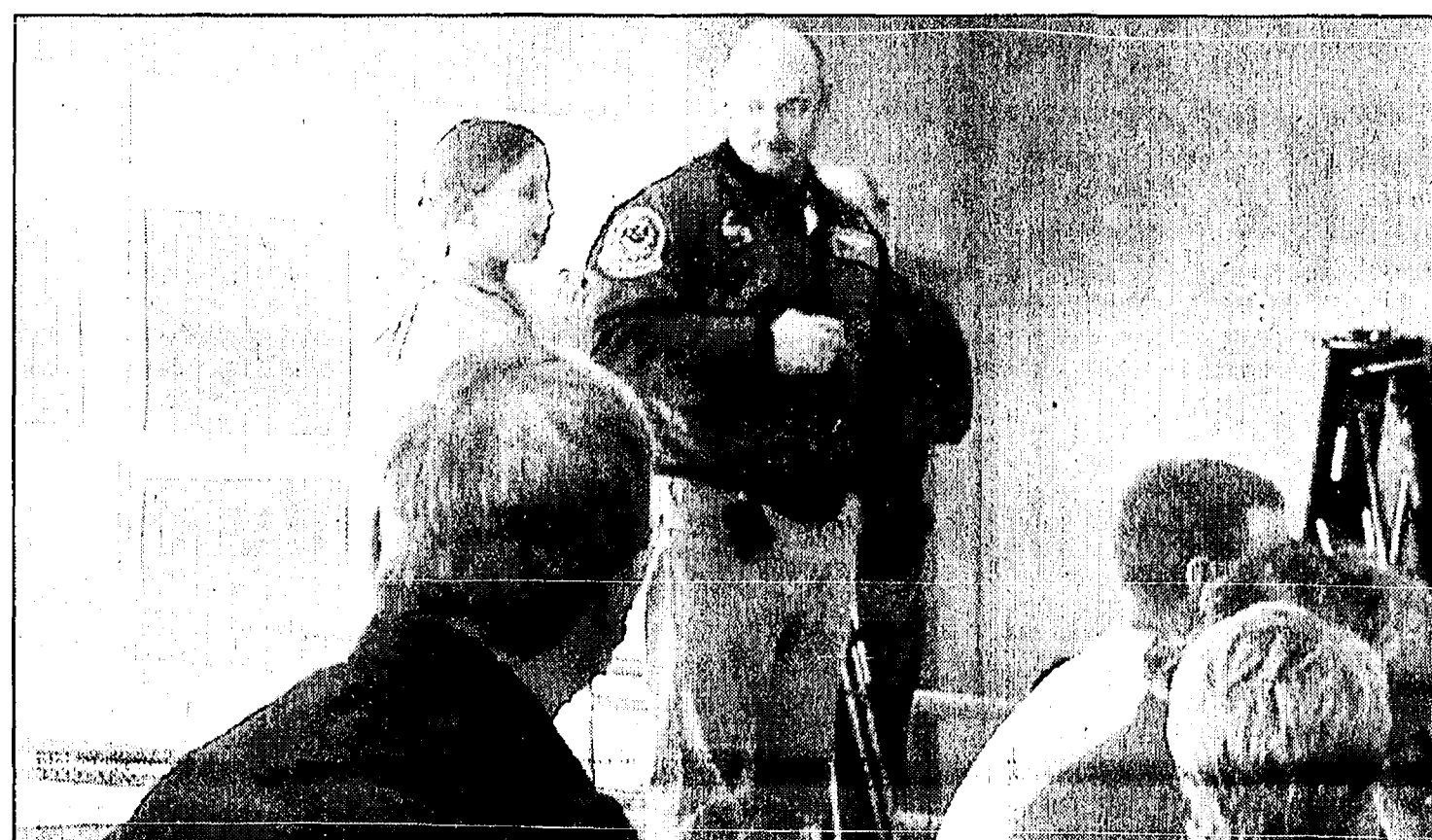
Naval Commander Mark Kelly, who was part of a crew of 10 that traveled in the Space Shuttle Endeavor to the International Space Station, recently shared his experiences in space with AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School students.

At the ISS, Kelly's job was to operate the mechanical robot arm to make repairs on the solar array of the space station. He received his astronaut's wings in space, and he expects to go into space 4-6 more times in the next 10 years.

Endeavor crew members were mainly doctors, scientists, and engineers.

On Tuesday, February 5, Kelly was introduced to the Grayling students by his niece, GES fourth grader Grace Calkins. Kelly presented a slide show that included views from space of the African coast, the Himalayan Mountains, and the glowing green Aurora Borealis. Commander Kelly told the students that when he held his left hand up it fit right over Michigan.

Kelly's presentation included a question and answer session, during which he fielded such questions as: "How do you start the space shuttle?" ("It's a glider and doesn't have an engine."); "Are there aliens in



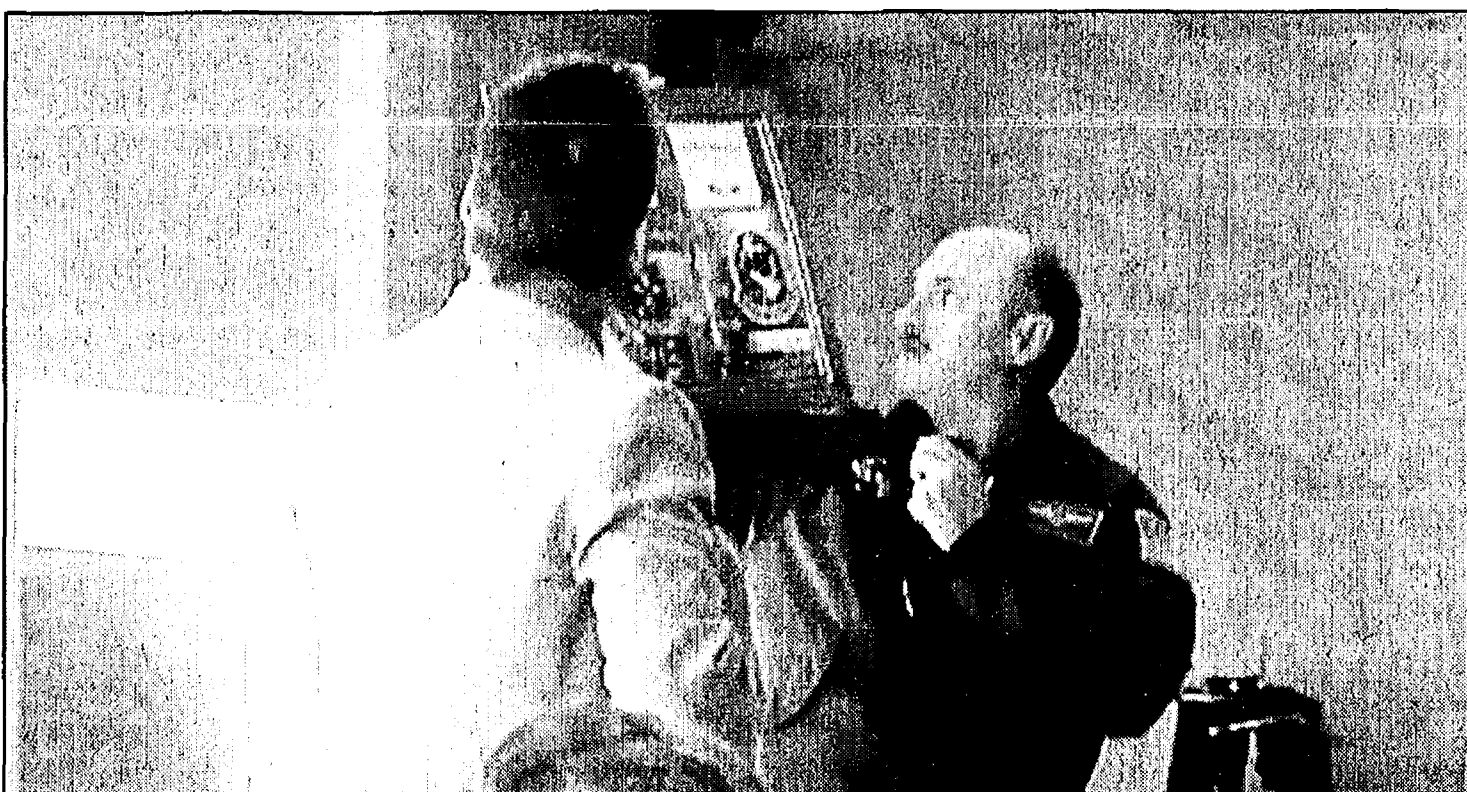
Astronaut Mark Kelly is introduced by his niece, 4th grader Grace Calkins, to GES and AuSable Primary students during a special assembly last week. Calkins is a student in Kristin Welch's class at Grayling Elementary.

space?" ("No."); "How do you float?" ("There isn't any gravity."); "What was your favorite thing to do in space?" ("Look at the earth, it's beautiful and clear."); "What happens if you spill your food?" ("You float after it. Water doesn't scatter. It makes little round balls that you can

suck into your mouth.") The students also watched a video of the Endeavor crew boarding the shuttle (wearing 150-pound suits), the launch, and heard the actual countdown and conversations between the pilot and command center. The video also included footage

of activities on board the shuttle in space.

Kelly gave a framed photo of earth taken in space, a miniature American flag that was on board the Endeavor, and a patch from a flight suit to the Grayling schools as part of the presentation.



Commander Mark Kelly presents a framed photo of earth taken in space, a miniature American flag that was on board the Endeavor, and a patch from a flight suit to the Grayling schools as part of the presentation on Tuesday. Clyde Holzbauer (left), a social worker, accepts on behalf of the schools.

Grayling High School registration process begins

The registration process for selecting courses for the 2002-2003 school year began Monday, February 4. High school students received their registration materials, and meetings have been held regarding special programs, such as the vocational offerings through C.O.O.R., and the Advanced Placement classes. All course request forms are due back to the counselors by February 15. Staff will be assisting students by making recommendations regarding the most appropriate individual course selections.

Eighth grade students will be meeting with the high school counselors and receiving their registration materials on Tuesday, February

19. They will then be visiting the high school on Wednesday, February 20, to meet with student senate members and to tour the facilities. A parent information meeting will be held that same evening at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Counselors will return to the Middle School to answer students' questions on

February 22. Registration materials should then be turned in to the Middle School counselor, Mrs. Joni Metiva, by March 1.

Parents are encouraged to contact Mrs. Metiva, Middle School counselor, at 344-3560, or Mrs. Frederick or Mrs. Thompson, high school counselors, if they have any questions, at 344-3512.

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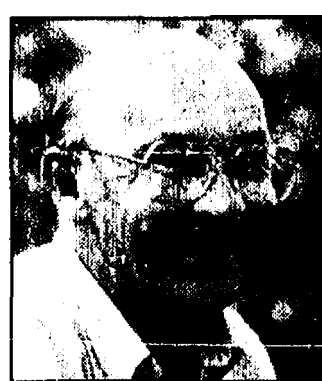
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

White House ill advised to conceal information

STONEWALL UNWISE -- The White House has insisted that the names of folks who met with Vice President Dick Cheney to help formulate the Bush energy policy should remain secret.

This recurring struggle is framed as a basic question of executive privilege and separation of powers: Can the executive branch of government be forced to reveal executive papers when Congress decides it needs them?

Dozens of executives from the coal, oil, nuclear and electricity industries met last year with the ad hoc Cheney energy task force, which formulated the White House program on energy.

To no surprise, top honchos from the bankrupt Enron company were included. That's really why Congress insisted it needs to know.

Congress wants to know who

helped, what they proposed, and how much of their ideas made it into the final energy plan.

In my view, both Congress and the public are entitled to this information, and the White House ought to back off voluntarily from its hard line maintaining secrecy.

In fact, had I been calling the public relations shots when the task force idea came up, I would have advised trumpeting all the details about the big wheels in the energy business being included, so the public would know it wasn't just a bunch of know-nothing politicians coming up with an energy program in a vacuum from reality.

But the Bush folks didn't ask me then, and they're not asking me now. If they did, I'd tell them to get off their high horse and turn over the information.

Why operate in secret? The pub-

lic has a right to know.

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TAX CUTS WISE? -- Big wheels both in Lansing and Washington are spinning in place, trying to make not enough available money stretch to pay for more than there's money around to buy.

It's called budget deficits, and both state and federal governments face them.

Problems are intensified by uncertain economic times. Will the economy continue to drop, as it has for the past year or so? Or will it turn the corner and start to go up again?

Other complicating factors are tax cuts promised in the last year or so, which looked good at the time but are being reexamined in light of overextended budgets.

There's one line of economic theory that contends a souring economy is the perfect time to cut taxes.

When the economy is going down is exactly the time to put more money into the hands of consumers so they will spend more, businesses will expand, jobs will grow, and government, in turn, will collect more taxes.

That's the prevailing Republican view of tax policy.

Should tax cuts take effect as planned, or be abandoned or delayed?

I'm not an economist, but based on real life, the answer seems simple enough to me.

When you desperately need more money, common sense tells you not to give away anything you already have.

Thus, tax cuts should be delayed, or repealed, at least until you know where you're going in the immediate future.

Then there's the political reality.

Elected officials would have to vote to delay or repeal promised tax cuts, and that's a tough political decision for politicians to make, especially in an election year.

That's the dilemma challenging both state and federal budget makers. Good luck.

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COGENT QUOTES -- Some cogent quotes from public places, found in the newspaper in recent weeks:

--State Sen. John Schwarz of Battle Creek, sizing up Gov. John Engler's push to develop practical uses for fuel cells in Michigan: "Fuel cell technology is like going to the moon. You've got to do it. The fossil fuels are going to run out. You've got to start right now."

--Mark Brewer, Michigan Democratic party chair, with a somewhat different political

approach on the same subject: "Fuel cells and nuclear accelerators aren't going to put bread on the table of unemployed people."

--Freddie Lee Johnson III, history professor at Hope College and author, in a newspaper review of his recent novel: "History is a discipline that answers so many questions about the world as it is today. There's no future in the past, only wisdom."

--Mitch Daniels, White House budget director, explaining budget problems last August: "It is growth that produces surpluses. We do have a budget that's in great shape, an economy that's not."

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Nursing facility may not be good home for pets

To the editor,

I have had and loved cats; in fact, one lived with us for 17 years. However, not everyone is a lover of animals. I am not happy when other people's pets invade my world. Even this morning a stray dog was in my yard for a period of time. It was not friendly looking and I would not go out when it was there. Many times there are dogs at my back door barking as I am coming or going.

Recently I had the opportunity to visit Mercy Manor. Although, I had been told that the animals have freedom there to roam, I was not prepared for what I experienced. My friend had a sign on her closed door requesting that there be no animals in her room. Her door was not the only closed one to keep the animals out.

Once when an aid entered the room, so did a cat, which had to be retrieved. A cat was seen more than once sitting on the water fountain in

the hall. Also, the greyhound dog had learned how to turn on the fountain. Yes, a clever trick, but he was pushing the same button, which we use with our hands. Even the grandchildren lost their desire for a drink. Cats were on the nurse's station counter. I didn't see a bird out of the cage, but you could surely smell them.

I have been part of a Hospice group where they bring animals into the building for a visit, but only a visit. I understand the animals give many people affection and comfort. But to us who can do without that kind of affection, please understand and consider our position. I believe it is not only putting animals where they shouldn't be full time, but also there are issues of cleanliness. Pets should invade only in the lives of those who love them.

Nancy Talbot
Grayling

Early morning walkers asked to be quiet

To the editor,

This is to the two gals who walk down Lake Street.

Hats off to you for walking at 6 a.m. I'm one of those lazy ones who try to sleep 'til 7 a.m. I'm 71 and I feel I've earned it.

I'm also a light sleeper and have my window opened slightly. Your

loud voices have been my 6 a.m. alarm for a while. Maybe you should "Shhh" each other before you get to my window. Your dog, however, is very quiet!

Sally McPherson
Grayling

Lady bikers meet 'simply good people'

To the editor,

Several years ago, I met a lady biker (pedaler) on one of Michigan's great shoreline bike trips. We decided we had the same idea about a cycling adventure. The trip ended with the usual, heartfelt "keep in touch... let's plan that trip."

Our keeping in touch consisted of a couple of phone calls each year and an occasional Christmas card. Several years passed and the moment arrived. In the midst of our busy lives, we both decided it was time to plan a "pedal adventure."

We spontaneously agreed on the first two weeks in August, 2001 as travel dates. The rest of our planning was done one day at a time.

Simple acts of kindness began with my very own brother. He was visiting our parents, residents of Grayling, from Indiana. He reserved a busy campground site for our arrival day, built a bonfire, then filled a cooler with assorted beverages. The entertainment was my delightful young nephew.

Then, there was the nice person who gave us permission to park our vehicles at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area for two weeks, just outside the charming town of Grayling, which was our starting point.

Our pannier pouches were hitched to our bikes and our desti-

nation was only a direction -- northeastern Michigan! Routing was "to be decided" along the way. That way, it officially rated as "our adventure."

Off we pedaled through colored landscapes that meandered across Michigan's maze of roads. Forest met lakes and rivers... lakes and rivers met farms... farms met orchards... and they all met towns. Our travels were a unity of pleasure that kept us rolling day after day.

We rested our tired bodies under apple and pear trees, at the side of the road, on town benches, at grocery and party stores. We camped near lakes and rivers throughout the trip. The story is, no matter where we traveled, we just met "simply good people" everywhere we went.

One campground gave us permission to camp on the grounds even though it was filled. They knew we were tired and the next campground was several miles away. A police officer, just outside of Atlanta, was kind enough to respond to my frantic husband's concern. He had not heard from us that evening. The officer came looking for us in the night, then confirmed our safety to my husband. Unfortunately, my cell phone had run out of power.

Every evening after our meal, we would spread a map across a



Photo submitted by Debbie Wease

Jan McLain and Debbie Wease at Hanson Hills

picnic table to plot out the next day's travel. Both of us lady friends are from Michigan, so we prepared for bone chilling nights, rains, high winds, and heat. The rain never came, but we faced all the other weather elements.

It was the heat that finally stopped us in our bike tracks one day. As we entered a party store in the town of Posen, we were greeted by a kind couple named Ed and Theresa Lauzon. It was here that we inquired about a place to stay.

The town was very quaint, with no lodging available. The Lauzons offered us the shade of their trees in their yard and as much water as we needed. They

also let us use the bathroom in the party store. It was here that we set up our tents after 20 miles of 100-degree temperatures. A Posen Pub waitress brought us pitchers of water and an ice pack for my sore body parts.

I wish I could remember all the names of the "simply good people" we met along the way. Next time, I will write them all down because you will hear from me again. Your kind acts will generate more kindness because, you see, I hope to do the same.

Debbie Wease
Royal Oak

Every parent should join fight against drug abuse

To the editor,

I am writing in regards to an article in the "Letters to the Editor" section of the January 31, edition of the *Avalanche* concerning the need for education in the area of reducing drug use not only in the Crawford County area, but also around the entire nation.

I am formerly from Crawford County and plan on returning to the area when I am released from prison. Although I am a prisoner at this time, contrary to what some people may believe, some people who are incarcerated have concerns

about their communities. We are not exempt from these genuine concerns no more than the person who is a law-abiding citizen. The future of children is important to everyone, or at least should be.

People use bad discretion during their lives and some pay a strong penalty for this. This does not necessarily negate any community interests one might have. Most prisoners have some connection to drugs and alcohol in some fashion. Perhaps this is one cause in their bad decision-making.

I am very much devoted to the

enhancement of education in this area. Having a step-daughter living in the Grayling area, I am very concerned about her future. Like many parents, I envision a promising future for my child. I have experienced first-hand what the misuse of drugs and alcohol can do to one's future, a future I do not will for my step-daughter nor any other child. With this in mind, I write to the community via the *Avalanche* and ask that every parent take a position in this fight for the children of Grayling's future. I have very intention of becoming involved in

this important issue when I return to Grayling and hope that I will find every parent just as involved and dedicated to our children's lives as I myself am. Take it from someone who knows what these things can lead to. As a song some of you might recognize states "Mothers, tell your children not to walk my way."

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BRIEFS

Treat your sweetie to Swiss Steak Dinner

A Swiss Steak Dinner will be held Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14 beginning at 5 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 E. Michigan in Grayling. Dinner will be served "until the food is gone." Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids five to 12 years of age; kids under the age of five years eat free. Carry-outs will be available. All proceeds will help pay for church sponsored missions. For more information, call (989) 348-2974.

Project Graduation plans rummage sale

The 2002 Project Graduation Committee will be holding its annual rummage sale Saturday and Sunday, February 23-24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Non-clothing donations are currently being accepted by contacting Sue McNally at (989) 348-2324. Community support is necessary to make this event a success. All proceeds will go toward funding an alcohol-free and drug-free chaperoned all-night party of food, games and prizes for this year's Grayling High School graduates.

St. John Ladies to host card party/lunch

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, February 20 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. For more information, call Dorothy McLeod at 348-9169. Everyone is welcome.

Lions Lucky 13 raffle winner named

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 6 is Judy Fox of Grayling.

Eastern Orthodox pastor to speak

Father Steven Yankopoulos of Muskegon will make a pastoral visit to Traverse City on Saturday, February 23. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. (Orthos at 9 a.m.) at Grace Episcopal Church located at 341 Washington Street, across from the courthouse in Traverse City. A social gathering will follow. All are invited to attend. For more information, call (231) 932-6868.

Eastern Star to hold initiation ceremony

Order of the Eastern Star will be holding an Initiation on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling Masonic Temple, 304 E. Michigan Avenue (next to the Rialto Theatre) in Grayling. All who are members of the Eastern Star are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Have a Heart campaign begins Feb. 14

"Have a Heart for the Animals," a fund-raising campaign to raise money to help the homeless animals cared for at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, begins Thursday, February 14. To help, purchase a "heart" for \$1 (or more) from one of the many local retailers and businesses participating. Supporters should write their name, a pet's name, or a friend's name on the heart and the retailer or business will display it until February 28.

Seniors offered free help with tax forms

AARP volunteer, Mick Forbes, will be on hand at the Commission on Aging Senior Center on Monday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to help local senior citizens with the entire spectrum of tax forms and filings. Call Jan Farley at 348-7123 to set an appointment. Be sure to bring last year's form(s) to help at appointment time.

Winter Vacation Bible School offered

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will offer "Polar Expedition," a wintertime Vacation Bible School, for kids ages pre-school to fifth grade on the following Saturdays: February 16 and 23; March 2 and 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each session. The church is located at 400 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling. To register or for more information, call (989) 348-2974.

Secretary of State office closed Monday

All Michigan Secretary of State branch offices will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of February 10 were Todd Willoughby, Paula Collen, Mike McEvers, and Jerry Welch.

Meeting for parents of 8th graders

An informational meeting for parents of 8th grade students will be held Wednesday, February 20, at 7 p.m. at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, regarding registration for high school courses. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their students' counselors, the new principal and vice-principal, and athletic director. Topics covered will include curriculum, graduation requirements, co-curricular opportunities and more. Following this meeting, parents may wish to attend a presentation in the Media Center regarding the construction plans for the High School renovations.

GHS '77 and '78 reunions need help

The Grayling High School Classes of 1977 and 1978 are currently planning reunions and are looking for classmates to help out. A meeting will be held Thursday, February 21 at Spike's Keg O' Nails at 7 p.m. to discuss plans. For more information, call Julie Ginther at 348-2635.

Homecare & hospice offers training

Volunteers were trained in a variety of areas including history of hospice and its services, communications/listening skills, disease processes, spiritual care/bereavement support skills and safe transferring/back safety skills.

Mercy Amicare Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services to Hospice clients and their families. Some of those services include, respite/companionship, transportation, light household chores and

assist with office duties.

Mercy Amicare Hospice will be holding a special Bereavement/Spiritual Care training on February 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Amicare office, 125 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Anyone interested in attending this training or interested in becoming a volunteer, should contact Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator at (989) 348-4838 or 1-800-424-1457 for more information.

Lakescaping to protect water quality topic of workshop

Everyone wants to "do the right thing" when it comes to taking care of water quality. For landscape and lawn care professionals, that means improving their business by keeping up with the latest environmentally sensitive shoreline management practices.

Both the economy and the environment in northern Michigan depend on the high quality of the region's lakes and streams. Lakescaping practices -- including ecologically sound erosion control methods, the use of buffer strips along the lakeshore, and turf management practices compatible with water quality protection -- are recognized as some of the most important actions that can be taken for the long-term protection of lakes and streams.

A March 19 workshop at the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Center, hosted by Huron Pines RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development Area Council, Inc.) and the Higgins Lake Watershed Partnership, will focus on shoreline and landscape practices to protect water quality. This workshop is targeted for professionals in landscaping, lawn care and related fields.

Speakers will include representatives from Michigan State University, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"As homeowners increasingly become aware of their impact on aquatic environments, they generally strive to improve their own shoreline management practices. Getting a soil test before applying fertilizer, regularly maintaining their septic system, and using a buffer strip of vegetation between the lawn and the water are practices that help protect water quality," noted Huron Pines RC&D Watershed Coordinator Brad Jensen.

"For those in the landscaping business, utilizing ecologically-sound lakescaping practices is both good for the lakes and good for business," Jensen added.

To register for the day-long workshop, contact the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District at 275-5231 by February 25. The workshop is open to anyone interested in the topic; a reservation fee of \$20 includes lunch and reference books on lakescaping and erosion control.

Reduce anxiety and depression with women's health series

Are you feeling tired or irritable? Are you lacking motivation and suffering more often from headaches or back aches?

Is it a longing for the end of winter, a temporary case of the blues, or is it something more serious?

"If these symptoms are interfering with your daily life, it may be more than the blues," said Jeanne Steil, MSW, social worker at Otsego Memorial Hospital. "You may be suffering from clinical depression and/or anxiety."

"People often do feel more sadness this time of year," said Mary Seger, Ph.D., N.P., a healthcare provider at Otsego Memorial Hospital. "But if it does go deeper than sadness and a longing for spring, there are some natural approaches to getting back in balance."

Steil and Seger are teaming up to present a program on depression and anxiety, Wednesday, February 27, at Otsego Memorial Hospital. They will discuss natural ways to help

reduce your depression and anxiety.

"There are a variety of techniques people can use to alleviate symptoms," Steil said. "But when that isn't enough, there are also professionals in the community available to them. Knowledge is power and the more we understand this diagnosis and the treatment options, the more likely we are to successfully manage it," she said.

The program is free to the public. Pre-registration is appreciated, at (989) 731-2343. The program is from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 27, in the Classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

County fair needs volunteers

The new Crawford County Fair Association is looking for volunteers to spearhead this year's committees. Community support is necessary in order to make this a successful fair. Everyone has a talent or interest and is invited to get involved to show just how much talent is out there in Crawford County.

With planning already in progress, the fair is scheduled for the first week in July.

In addition to the fair, many events are scheduled to take place throughout the year at the fairgrounds. Mud Bog competition will return in July and again in September. A 4-H children's riding group with stick pony shows and open speed shows are scheduled for the months of May, June, July, and August; a Tool Show is scheduled in May and a Rabbit Show in October. There will be many more new and exciting events than before.

The board of the Crawford County Fair Association says, "Let's make our fair a place the whole community can be proud of. It takes hard work and dedication. Let's provide our children with something to look forward to and let's get them interested in participating. There are a lot of talented individuals out there just waiting for a chance. Let's show them at the fair."

The Fair Association says the best way to get started is by becoming a member for an annual fee of \$5. Then, start a project to be submitted for judging at the fair in July or join a committee or make a donation -- or all three.

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Crawford County Fair Association on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

To become a member or for more information, call Barb at (989) 348-8094 or Cheryl at (989) 348-2454.


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Dr. Elk originally hails from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Elk and his wife Rosa, are excited to make Grayling their home.

Dr. Elk is well rehearsed in the activator technique with an advanced proficiency status, which is implemented at the clinic.

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The Bible Speaks

In God We Trust

Our governor John Engler recently signed into law in Michigan a statute to, "strongly encourage" state and local government offices to display the U.S. motto, "In God We Trust." It is interesting to note that the national motto printed on every piece of money in our pockets should require legislation to allow it to be posted on public property. After liberal theologians publicly declared "God is Dead" during the 60's, there has been a subtle attempt to remove all mention of God from public life. They called it separation of Church and State, but in reality what they intended was separation of God from state. It is ironic that liberals strive to remove more and more of these little mottoes from our pockets through taxation for the cause of our common good.

The American Family Association has offered to place a framed copy of "In God We Trust" in every school classroom in the state of Michigan. Gary Glenn, president of AFA-Michigan said, "Especially at a time when our country's values are under attack from abroad, we think that one of the most historical and patriotic values should be communicated to every public school student and in every public building as the legislature and governor have strongly encouraged." Glenn also said, "We hope to serve as an example. We hope to place as many copies of the motto in public school classrooms and other public buildings as we can, but even more so as an example for other individuals and organizations and businesses in helping make reality what the legislature and Gov. Engler have strongly encouraged."

The motto, "In God We Trust" was originally declared by law in 1864 after Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase requested Congress to pass a national law

placing it on the 2-cent piece. Our national motto became mandatory on all U.S. money in 1955. Apart from our money, most of us remember the motto from singing the 4th stanza of our national anthem as written by Francis Scott Key, "And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'"

Of course you have already guessed who is opposing the new Michigan law. Carrie Moss, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Michigan, said she was disappointed by the passage of this new Michigan law. She said, "We thought that it was just one more attempt by the conservative right in this state to bring religion into the schools," Moss said. "The conservative right have failed in every other attempt to put religious icons in the schools and this is their new strategy, to try to gradually whittle away at the very clear doctrine from the Supreme Court prohibiting religion in the schools. Yet, the last time the ACLU challenged our national motto in court, a Kansas judge dismissed the case, calling the suit 'patently frivolous.'"

As pleased citizens of the state of Michigan we publicly express our gratitude to Governor Engler and the state legislator for helping to publicly restore this reminder of our historical roots. It took great courage for our elected officials to risk their political reputation and future to defend our historical conservative values. Their action helps fulfill the closing words of our national anthem "And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

In this age of liberal historical revisionism when God, our forefathers, and the original historical documents of our great Republic are being slandered, discredited,

and disapproved, it is great to know our state is striving to restore and defend our historic values. God's promises are still true. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." (Psa 33:12). "Happy is that people, that is in such a case; yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD." (Psa 144:15). Oh that all of us would heed, practice, and allow to be fulfilled in our lives the words of God found in 1 Pet. 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." May God bless you, and may God through you bless America. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.12k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Catholic women to host convention

The Gaylord Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) planning committee has been working out details for the upcoming Detroit Province Council of Catholic Women Convention set for April 16-17 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

The Detroit Province includes all women in the state of Michigan. The theme of the convention is "Created in God's Image." In addition to the regular business agenda, the women will have the opportunity to listen to several distinctive presentations on recognizing individuality, sharing God-given talents, and promoting Christian service.

On Tuesday, April 16, Fr. Richard VanLente, pastor of All Saints Parish in Fremont, will present

"Harmonious Diversity: Made in the Image of God." Later that afternoon, Sr. Barbara Hubeny, OP, Director of the Augustine Center in Conway, will speak on "Renewing Ourselves in God's Image Through Retreats."

On Wednesday, April 17, K. LaVerne Redden, National CCW Past President from Toledo, Ohio, will address the topic "Spirituality and Service," while Fr. Tom Schneider, a Capuchin friar, priest and pastoral minister from the Diocese of Marquette, will present "Call to Christian Service."

The cost for the two-day convention is as follows: \$85 for both days, which includes two lunches and the banquet; \$65 for Tuesday only, which includes lunch and the ban-

quet; \$40 for Wednesday only, which includes lunch; \$25 for the Tuesday banquet only (subject to availability).

Checks should be made payable to C.C.W. Detroit Province and sent to Rita Maher, 3028 McGill Street, Marlette, MI 48453. The deadline for convention registration is March 15. Room reservations for Treetops are guaranteed no later than March 14 and must be mailed to Treetops Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord, MI 49735. No phone reservations will be accepted. Other accommodations are available at the Quality Inn in Gaylord. They may be contacted at (989) 732-7541.

For further information, contact Rita Maher at (989) 635-7072 or your regional president.

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Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions are part of the National Senior Service Corps network and sponsored in our region by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. These grant-funded programs are specially designed to tap the experience, skills, talents, interests, and creativity of seniors age 60 and over.

To volunteer in either or both programs, call toll free 1-877-222-9043 or (989) 356-3474, ext. 206 and ask for Nancy. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

A MAN OF FAILURES

Years ago, someone cataloged the following failures:

- Failed in business, '31
- Defeated for legislature, '32
- Failed in business again, '34
- Sweetheart died, '35
- Suffered nervous breakdown, '36
- Defeated for speaker, '38
- Defeated for elector, '40
- Defeated for Congress, '48
- Defeated for Senate, '55
- Defeated for Vice President, '56
- Defeated for Senate, '58
- Elected for President of the United States, '60

This man of failure?

Abraham Lincoln

Failures do not make A FAILURE, but rather CAN MAKE the person. Failures hurt, but they do not stop God. He has a way of taking the tangled failures of persons' lives and weaving a tapestry that not only helps, but becomes a "thing of beauty and joy forever."

SUNDAY

1 John

5:13-21

MONDAY

2 John

TUESDAY

3 John

WEDNESDAY

Psalm 51

THURSDAY

Psalm 63

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Psalm 136

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Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
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701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
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Sunday
Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President George D. Rasin
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Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting ... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Wayne Knockel
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Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer ... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study
(Sundays) 9:15 am
Daily Masses 10:00 am
Wednesday & Fridays ... 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study . 7 pm

St. Francis Episcopal
M-72 West
Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy
Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Church
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Phone: 231-536-7933, Fax: 231-536-3046
Wednesday 7 pm
(call or e-mail for directions)
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E-mail: pastorjim@rlcnow.com

Calvary Baptist Church
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M-72 West

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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Gordon French, Pastor
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Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 9 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
348-5325

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday
Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madsen St. • Grayling
348-2557

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Dufree
2247 Dufree Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship ... 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship ... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study ... 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
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Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
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Five generations of a local family gathered for this photo during the past holiday season. Standing are Beth Philo of Parma, grandmother; and Patti Richardson of Honolulu, Hawaii, mother. Seated are Edith Noble of Spring Arbor, great-great grandmother; Alissa Richardson of Honolulu, Hawaii; and Joyce Mullin of Grayling, great grandmother. Alissa is the seventh generation oldest daughter of an oldest daughter. Each one in the picture is the oldest daughter of her respective family as were the mothers two generations before them.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 13 through February 19 is as follows:

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HONORS

Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College recently announced that 54 students representing 27 communities around the state made the President's List and another 71 representing 20 communities were awarded Dean's List honors for their academic excellence during the fall semester.

To qualify for the President's List, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average of between 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's

List candidates must have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.799.

President's List, Fall Semester 2001: Grayling students include Sherry Bidwell, Heidi Callewaert, Sally Carlisle, Melanie McClain, Tiffany Rasmussen, and Julie Starosta.

Dean's List, Fall Semester 2001: local students include Kelly Wilson of Frederic; Levi Burkett, Connie Clark, Heidi Farmer, Cheryl Hopp, Sara Kenney, Marc Kiefer, Pramod Singh, Darci Trudgeon, and Debra Weaver, all of Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

Wed. Feb. 13 - Veal Cutlets/Roast Beef; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Birthday dinner and White Elephant Auction at 5 p.m.

Thu. Feb. 14 - Turkey Birds/Pork Steak; BP's and Blood Sugars taken from 11 a.m. to noon. Bible Study at 11 a.m.; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 15 - Roast Chicken and Stuffing; Lovells Satellite at 12:30 p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80-cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 17 - Pancake Brunch from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 18 - Chicken Cacciatore/Fish; President's Day and we are open with Stag Cards at noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. Feb. 19 - Goulash/Meat loaf; Euchre Club at 1 p.m. and the movie, "Miss Congeniality" with Sandra Bullock and Michael Caine at 5:30 p.m. with popcorn and ice cream, to boot!

Wed. Feb. 20 - Pepper Steak/BBQ Chicken; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m. RSVP Card Ladies and Crafts at 1 p.m.; and the COA Board meets at 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together! (Take their example and stick together and support all of the worthy causes that need us so much.)

YOUTH BOWLING

Senior League

Surfer Dudes/Bikini Babe 11-06
Thrasher Sharks 10-06
Beach Bums 08-08
Tidal Waves 05-11
Life Guards 05-11
Hammerheads 04-12
Beached Whales 02-14
Extreme Heat 02-14
Boys High Game: K. Roman, 236; T. LaMotte, 233; N. McNamar, 216.

Boys High Series: T. LaMotte, 628; K. Roman, 607; N. McNamar, 576.
Girls High Game: B. Yaniello, 192; K. Davis, 187; J. King, 174.

Girls High Series: B. Yaniello, 497; K. Davis, 480; J. King, 454.

Pee Wee League

Starfish 04-04
Dolphins 04-04
Snails 02-06
Shrimps 02-06
Boys High Game and Series: C. Adams, 89; R. Randall, 71; J. Hoover, 71.
Girls High Game and Series: K. Helsel, 91; C. Randall, 73; C. Johnson, 66.

Junior League

Coconuts 08-04
Hawaiian Punch 07-05
Mer-People 06-06
Sea Horses 03-09
Sharks 02-10
Palm Trees 01-11
Boys High Game: Jo. Helsel, 126; T. Hanson, 123; Ja. Helsel, 121.
Boys High Series: T. Hanson, 241; Jo. Helsel, 226; Ja. Helsel, 225.
Girls High Game: C. Hanson, 108; A. Helsel, 107; A. Hoover, 100.
Girls High Series: C. Hanson, 200; A. Hoover, 197; A. Helsel, 190.

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MILITARY NEWS

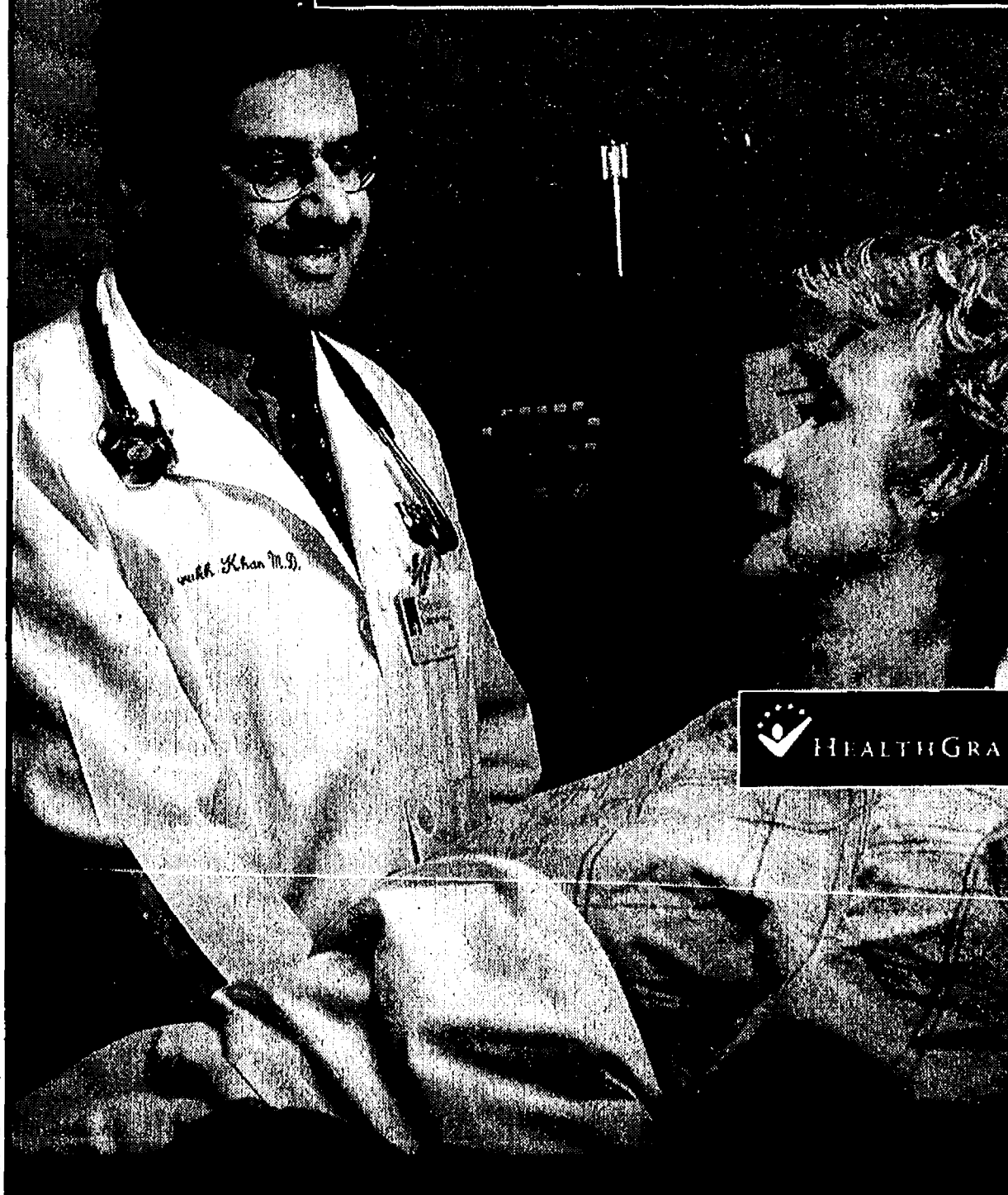
Air Force Airman Nicholas J. Nickert has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Nickert is the son of Jeff and Linda Nickert of Grayling, and a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School.

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2002 Grayling Junior Miss to be named this Saturday

The 2002 Grayling Junior Miss competition will be held Saturday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. This year, 11 young ladies will vie for the title, following months of preparation. The program includes competitions in physical fitness, evening gown and talent and the winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Kirtland Community College. All contestants receive gifts for their efforts and participation.

Contestant #1 is Lori Ann Ellis, the 16-year old daughter of Daniel and Deborah Ellis.

Lori plans to attend Western Michigan University and work with children.

She enjoys playing basketball, volleyball and softball. She also loves to be around her friends, but admits her favorite "hobby" is sleeping.

When asked what's the most important thing she has learned about life so far, she said, "I have learned to respect others and to think positive of others and yourself."

Of all people, Lori admires her mother the most "because she has shown me a lot about life. What would I do without her?"



Lori Ann Ellis
Contestant #1

Contestant #2 is Andi Holzbauer, the 17-year old daughter of Clyde and Nadine Holzbauer.

Andi plans on attending the University of Michigan or Central Michigan University and major in music or fitness and nutrition.

She enjoys snowboarding, listening to and playing music, wakeboarding and spending time with family and friends.

When asked what's the most important thing she has learned about life so far, Andi said, "I have learned not to take myself so seriously."

Andi admires her parents the most of all "because they have instilled Christian values in me that continually shape who I am."



Andi Holzbauer
Contestant #2

Contestant #3 is Andrea Dunckley, the 16-year old daughter of Brian and Julia Dunckley.

Andrea plans on attending college in California to study theater and film, which she said will hopefully lead to a career in acting.

She enjoys singing, dancing, playing basketball, skiing, and "hanging out with good friends."

When asked what's the most important thing she has learned about life so far, Andrea said, "Time is short, but time is all we have. Therefore, don't dream your dreams... make them reality."

Andrea said she admires most of all "Any person who has a dream or goal and strives their very best to reach it."



Andrea Dunckley
Contestant #3

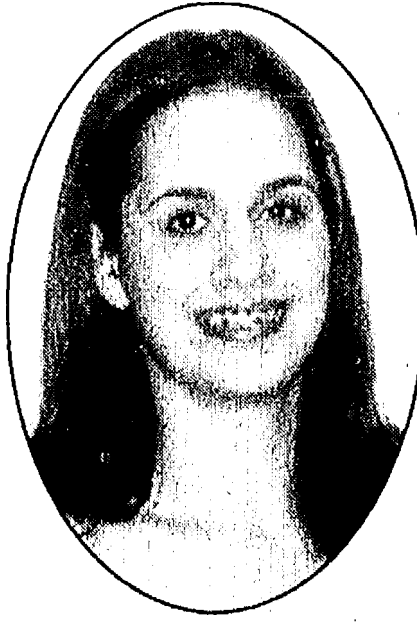
Contestant #4 is Tracy Parkinson, the 16-year old daughter of Jeff and Jeanne Parkinson.

Tracy plans to attend Michigan State University, majoring in law and minor in education.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, volunteering, her job, basketball, track, and pom poms.

When asked what's the most important thing she has learned about life so far, Tracy said, "Never give up your dreams. They're yours and no one else's. Never let anyone take them."

Tracy said she admires most of all her grandfather, Ray Lange. "He was always pushing me to do my best in life and was always there for me."



Tracy Parkinson
Contestant #4

Contestant #5 is Sarah Golnick, the 16-year old daughter of Chris and Linda Golnick.

Sarah plans on attending Lawrence Tech and majoring in Interior Design.

She said she enjoys "shopping!" Sarah added that she also loves to run, go to the movies, and "hang out with my friends."

When asked what's the most important thing she has learned about life so far, Sarah said, "You have to work hard if you want to be successful."

When asked who she admires the most and why, Sarah said, "I admire my boyfriend, Matt Evon, because he works so hard for what he has and he is so successful with his studies and where he is in life."



Sarah Golnick
Contestant #5

Contestant #6 is Shannon Terry, the 16-year old daughter of Bob and Pam Terry.

Shannon plans to attend Grand Valley State University and to become an elementary school teacher.

She enjoys playing the clarinet and a little bit of piano, cheering for football and basketball, running, snowmobiling, scuba diving and skiing.

When asked what's the most important thing she has learned about life so far, Shannon said, "I have learned that somewhere, somebody loves me just the way I am."

Shannon said she admires her Great Grandma Campbell the most "because she loved all of her 129 descendants unconditionally."



Shannon Terry
Contestant #6

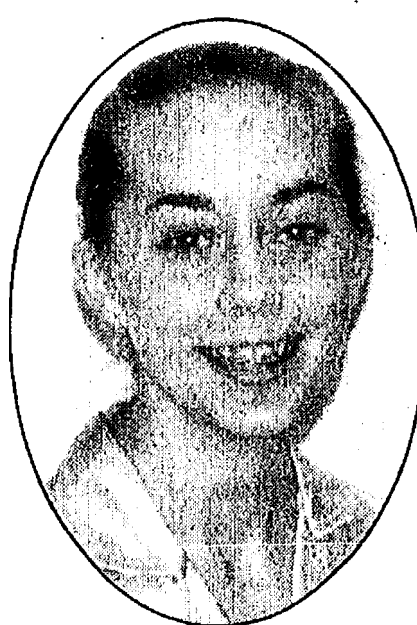
Contestant #7 is Patricia Martella, the 16-year old daughter of Edward and Karen Martella III.

Patricia plans to attend college and hopes to become a chemical engineer.

She said she enjoys playing the clarinet, a little bit of the guitar, cheerleading and playing softball.

When asked what's the most important thing she has learned about life so far, Patricia said, "The most important thing I have learned about life thus far is that people aren't always as they seem and appearances can be deceiving."

When asked who she admires the most and why, Patricia said she admires her father the most "because he worked hard for his job and family."



Patricia Martella
Contestant #7

Contestant #8 is Danielle Beckwith, the 17-year old daughter of Jackie and Anne Beckwith.

Danielle plans to attend Lansing Community College and MSU to study zoology or marine biology, and end up in California one day.

She enjoys basketball, swimming, going to the beach and playing music.

Danielle said the most important thing she has learned about life so far comes from this quote by Eleanor Roosevelt: "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people."

Danielle said she admires her parents the most of all "because I support their morals and how they raised my brothers and I. I also like how well they treat each other."



Danielle Beckwith
Contestant #8

Contestant #9 is Maeghan Corwin, the 16-year old daughter of Butch and Betty Corwin.

Maeghan said she plans to attend college for a degree in music education and minor in biology. She would like to teach music or biology.

She said she enjoys singing, shopping, playing the French horn, reading and golf.

Maeghan said the most important thing she has learned about life so far is "To not focus on what other people think and to be myself."

Maeghan said she admires her grandmother the most of all "because she has been through so much and is still a very strong and independent woman."



Maeghan Corwin
Contestant #9

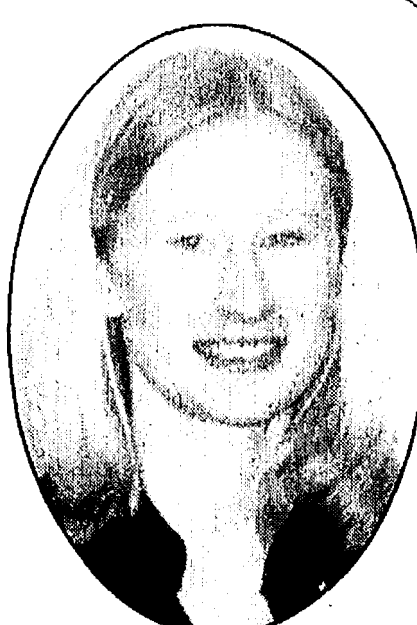
Contestant #10 is Ashley Nichole Bancroft, the 16-year old daughter of Lisa Bancroft.

Ashley said she is undecided on which one, but plans to attend college for a degree in graphic design.

She said she enjoys soccer, volleyball, basketball, playing the drums and listening to music.

Ashley said the most important thing she has learned about life so far is "Accept life as it is while being optimistic at the same time."

Of all the people she knows, Ashley said she admires Nancy McCullough the most of all "because she is an enthusiastic teacher who makes learning very fun and makes you feel great about being you."



Ashley Nichole Bancroft
Contestant #10

Contestant #11 is Shayla Marie Moore, the 17-year old daughter of Steve and Sandy Moore.

Shayla plans to attend Central Michigan University or Western Michigan University to study dance and sports medicine.

She enjoys dance, gymnastics, horseback riding, swimming, kayaking, and "just having fun."

The most important thing Shayla said she has learned about life so far is "To never give up because there is always something new out there."

Shayla said she admires Olympic gymnast and gold medalist Dominique Moceanu the most "because she has been through so much in her life, but she had the determination to be the best."



Shayla Marie Moore
Contestant #11



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Home medical equipment store opens

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A new home medical equipment store opened its doors in Gaylord recently, expanding an existing business in Traverse City.

Bay Home Medical, serving both adults and children, was founded in 1995 by Tim and Karen Keller geared at answering the special needs of the disabled and those in rehabilitative therapy in northern Michigan.

Most home medical equipment suppliers in the north concentrate on providing oxygen and breathing apparatus equipment, while offering other general equipment such as standard wheelchairs and hospital beds. Bay Home Medical, located at 2250 M-32 West (next to Floor Covering Brokers), has a large showroom filled with every kind of component imaginable. What is not in the showroom for demonstration can be ordered by the company.

Bay Home Medical specializes in

custom wheelchairs -- motorized and manual, and patient lift equipment to help with moving or bathing, with minimal discomfort to the patient -- and with minimal effort by the caregiver. The store also offers power scooters, power lift chairs, hospital beds and residential stair lifts. The visually impaired may find help at Bay Home by trying out the low vision screen designed for patients with macular degeneration.

Another specialty covered by Bay Home is the area of handicap-accessible customized vans, including hand controls, and mobile track lift systems, the only service of its kind in north central and northeastern lower Michigan.

Managing the Gaylord store is Mark Orlikowski who said the business opened the new store because of the continuing population growth in northern Michigan and the demand for quality home medical equipment. Orlikowski said he

looks forward to helping customers from Crawford County and beyond.

Orlikowski said customer service is very important at Bay Home. Part of that service includes asking the right questions and helping customers make their way through insurance company forms, finding funding sources or financing to help pay for necessary equipment and educating customers, their families and caregivers on the proper use of the equipment purchased.

Referring to the company as a "niche medical supplier," Orlikowski said Bay Home will also help customers who are searching for that perfect tool to help them with everyday tasks. "If someone is looking for that special left-handed widget and someone makes it, we'll locate it and order it," he said.

For more information about the services and products offered by Bay Home Medical in Gaylord, call Orlikowski at (989) 705-2111 or visit the new showroom.

KCC, Mid Michigan team up for X-ray courses

A new career track in radiography (X-Ray technology) is now available through a new and unique agreement between Kirtland and Mid Michigan Community College.

Under terms of the agreement, Mid Michigan will reserve a number of seats for qualified KCC students, who will take the first year of general education courses at their Roscommon campus and transfer for their second year at Mid

Michigan's Harrison campus. During the second year, they will continue to pay in-district tuition.

Clinical experience in the third year of the program will be within Kirtland's region, at the West Branch Regional Medical Center and Grayling Mercy Hospital.

"Radiography is a great career, and good jobs are available in the region and throughout the state," said Karen Brown, Director of

Health Careers at Kirtland.

Those interested should circle Wednesday, February 20, on their calendars.

At 3 p.m. that day, John Skinner, Director of Radiography at Mid Michigan, will visit Kirtland in the Allied Health Lab (Room 208 in the Instructional Center), to meet with interested students.

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Weyerhaeuser's Grayling mill achieves international environmental certification

Weyerhaeuser Company's Oriented Strand Board (OSB) mill in Grayling has earned international recognition for its rigorous approach to environmental management. The facility has been registered to the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) standard, which validates that the operation effectively manages the environmental aspects

of its activities, products and services.

Additionally, Grayling's wood procurement system, which supplies raw material to both the Grayling OSB mill and the Lewiston, Northwest Hardwoods facility has been certified to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI). Both certifications resulted from a thorough independent audit by the NSF - International Strategic Registrations (NSF-ISR), a subsidiary of NSF International.

Established by the International Organization for Standardization, ISO 14001 registration recognizes organizations whose environmental management systems meet its stringent requirements. SFI is a program established by the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA) to help ensure that future generations of Americans will have the same sustainable forests that we enjoy today. AF&PA is the national trade

association of the forest, paper and wood products industry.

"Our entire Grayling organization is to be congratulated, in particular all the members of the EMS team," said Dave Malm, mill manager. "They've worked diligently over the past several months to earn this important certification."

"These achievements reinforce Weyerhaeuser's long-standing commitment to environmental excellence," said Steve Rogel, Weyerhaeuser chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Incorporating the standards of ISO 14001 and SFI helps ensure that reliable processes are in place in our operations to improve our environmental performance, and to meet regulatory and stakeholder requirements in the years ahead. This is a tribute to the hard work and commitment of the Grayling team."

Weyerhaeuser's Grayling mill employs 165 people, and in 2001 produced approximately 500 mil-

lion square feet of Oriented Strand Board (3/8 inch basis) primarily for customers in the residential construction industry.

The wood procurement system works with regional landowners to provide the timber raw material to the Grayling and Lewiston facilities. Approximately 75 percent of the wood used by the mills comes from private, non-industrial landowners.

Grayling joins other Weyerhaeuser timberlands and manufacturing operations that are working to complete the SFI and ISO certification processes by the end of 2005. To date, more than 24 million acres of the timberlands Weyerhaeuser manages in Canada, New Zealand and the United States have been certified to the ISO 14001, SFI and/or Canadian Standards Association standards, as have seven of Weyerhaeuser's manufacturing facilities in the United States and British Columbia.

Quilters plan show in March

The Bay Heritage Quilters Guild will hold its 7th Biennial Quilt Show March 1-3 at the Bay County Historical Museum, 321 Washington Avenue in Bay City.

The show runs Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Over 135 quilted items will be on display, including a section called "memory lane," National Quilting Day baby quilt made by members, special "redwork" display, children's paper quilts and guild members' challenge entries.

Quilts will be judged by Anita Shackelford of Bucyrus, Ohio -- a certified NQA quilt judge, author, teacher and lecturer.

Quilt appraisals will be available by appointment with Margaret Rouleau, a Bay City AQS Certified

Quilt Appraiser.

A raffle will be held for a queen size quilt called "Garden Star" and a silent auction will be held for a miniature "Garden Star" quilt. Quilting demonstrations, vendors, door prizes, favors and guessing games are also included in the three-day event.

Quilts will remain on exhibit during regular hours at the museum through March 20. Those hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

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Grayling vet honored by state group

Dr. Paul Mesack, an owner of the Grayling Hospital for Animals, was honored by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) at its 2002 annual meeting in Lansing on January 25.

Dr. Mesack was presented with the W. Kenneth McKersie Service Award, recognizing accumulative service to the veterinary profession, the community and the MVMA.

He was recognized particularly for promoting veterinary continuing education. Dr. Mesack currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Michigan Veterinary Conference, the state's largest annual veterinary educational meeting. He is also a mentor for students at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, mentoring a student from each of the four-year classes.

Recently, Dr. Mesack was elected to represent the Northern Michigan Counties on the MVMA Board of Directors, a position he held from 1983 to 1995, leaving only because of the bylaw limitations on consecutive terms.

In addition, he is a Governing Trustee for the Michigan Animal Health Foundation, a board member



Photo courtesy of MVMA

Dr. Paul Mesack, DVM, of Grayling (left) was presented in January with the W. Kenneth McKersie Service Award by Dr. Herr of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

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"Horse Facilities: Designing for Optimum Horse Well-being" is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Anthony Hall. Speakers from the MSU departments of Animal

Science and Agricultural Engineering and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine will discuss recent studies showing how housing closely relates to horses' mental and physical health and owner satisfaction.

"The newest information we have is based on the research we've done on behavior and housing. It's confirming what a lot of horse people know about the effects of horse housing on behavior," says Dr. Christine Skelly, associate professor of animal science.

"In traditional housing, ventilation is often poor and horses can't see the animals stabled next to them. We see an increase in vices

because they don't have the social interaction, and problems with respiratory disease," Skelly said.

This program's speakers will focus on trends in Michigan horse housing, common mistakes in facility design, arena footing, preventing disease transmission in horse facilities, and the effects of housing on horse behavior and respiratory health.

The registration fee is \$30 before February 19 and \$40 after that date. A discount rate of \$20 is available for students, MSU staff members and senior citizens.

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Grants available through tobacco settlement partnership

North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) has received a grant from the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) to establish the North Central Michigan Tobacco Settlement Partnership Fund for the purpose of supporting healthy youth and healthy seniors in our community.

These funds come from a payment to CMF from the State of Michigan of interest earned on tobacco settlement funds. CMF has divided the funds among the 66 certified community foundations in Michigan based on the most current state data on youth under the age of 18 and seniors over the age of 65 living in each area.

The grant requires NCMCF to endow half of each annual payment. The other half is spendable in the form of grants to programs that promote healthy youth and healthy

seniors. Twenty five percent of the funds must be used for new projects and the remaining 75% must be used for ongoing projects.

NCMCF will form an advisory committee made up of representatives from local health organizations, community tobacco use reduction coalitions, and its Youth Advisory Council to oversee the distribution of the fund.

NCMCF's Tobacco Settlement Partnership Fund is now accepting requests for funding. All non-profit charitable organizations recognized under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, schools, churches, and government agencies are invited to apply.

Eligible programs are those that would improve the health of youth and seniors, which may include but are not limited to, programs that focus on health and nutrition, family counseling, early childhood development, tobacco use prevention and

cessation, day care, and preschool and after-school care.

Priority areas to be considered by these funds for youth are: violence and conflict resolution, access to dental care, behavioral risk factors including substance abuse and depression, community alternatives for recreation, and child care.

For seniors, priority areas to be considered are: pharmaceutical issues, prevention of and managing chronic disease, long term care alternatives, mental health and aging including substance abuse and depression, and work force and aging including discrimination and career opportunities.

Some of the projects that have been funded in the past include Meals on Wheels, the "Senior Observer" newsletter, the Grayling Asthma Project, WRAP-RELAY Summer Recreation, dental services, and infant care classes.

For additional information and

grant applications, please contact Deb Morse at NCMCF, P. O. Box 103, Grayling, MI 49738, call 888-651-7590, or email ncmcf@core.com.

Additional background: In 1999 the Michigan State Legislature passed and Governor John Engler signed into law Senate Bill 79, the budget bill for the Department of Career Development and the Michigan Strategic Fund.

Included in Bill 79 is Section 313, which allocated funds to the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) from interest earned on the portion of the tobacco settlement revenue received by the State from the national tobacco master settlement agreement that is not deposited in the Michigan merit award trust.

CMF has entered into a contract with the Department of Career Development through the Michigan Community Service Commission to administer this Partnership.

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the accuracy of the fuel saving described in this advertisement.

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After a five year study, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows

greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than the 22% claimed by the developer."

In addition, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

For further information call: 1-800-537-7427

Grants made available for bulletproof vests

Washington, D.C. -- Law enforcement agencies throughout the 1st Congressional District are again eligible for federal assistance in outfitting officers with new bulletproof vests. Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) said February 8.

Stupak, a former Michigan state trooper and the founder and co-chairman of the U.S. House Law Enforcement Caucus, is also an original co-sponsor of the Bulletproof Vest Grant Partnership Act of 1998 -- a program that has been renewed by Congress to help equip local law enforcement agencies.

"Last year alone, 28 law enforcement agencies in the 1st Congressional District received

financial help in purchasing more than 230 vests," Stupak said. "In addition, Michigan state troopers serving in the district were aided by the state's purchase of another 459 vests statewide."

The program allows each jurisdiction to purchase up to one vest per officer per year, and all vests must meet or exceed standards developed by the National Institute of Justice.

Stupak noted that agencies can

complete their applications on-line at the Justice Department website: vests.ojp.gov. The hotline telephone number for assistance in applying is: 1-877-758-3787, and the deadline for this year's round of grants is April 13.

"The many small law enforcement agencies in northern Michigan should take note of the fact that special funding consideration is given to jurisdictions with populations under 100,000," Stupak said.

Take note of important federal tax form change

Now that the tax season has begun, Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland), is warning constituents to take notice of a change on their federal tax return forms. As a result of the Advance Payment tax rebate checks distributed to taxpayers last summer and fall, the Rate Reduction Credit line has been added to tax forms.

"Taxpayers need to pay close attention to the instructions on their federal tax forms to ensure they receive their proper refund as soon as possible," Camp said.

The Internal Revenue Service has found that some early filers have put their Advance Payment rebate amount on the Rate Reduction Credit line. However, they should be leaving it blank. Taxpayers who already received their maximum tax rebate money should skip that line on the form. The maximum amounts are: \$300 for a single person or a married person filing separately; \$500 for head of household; \$600 for a married couple filing

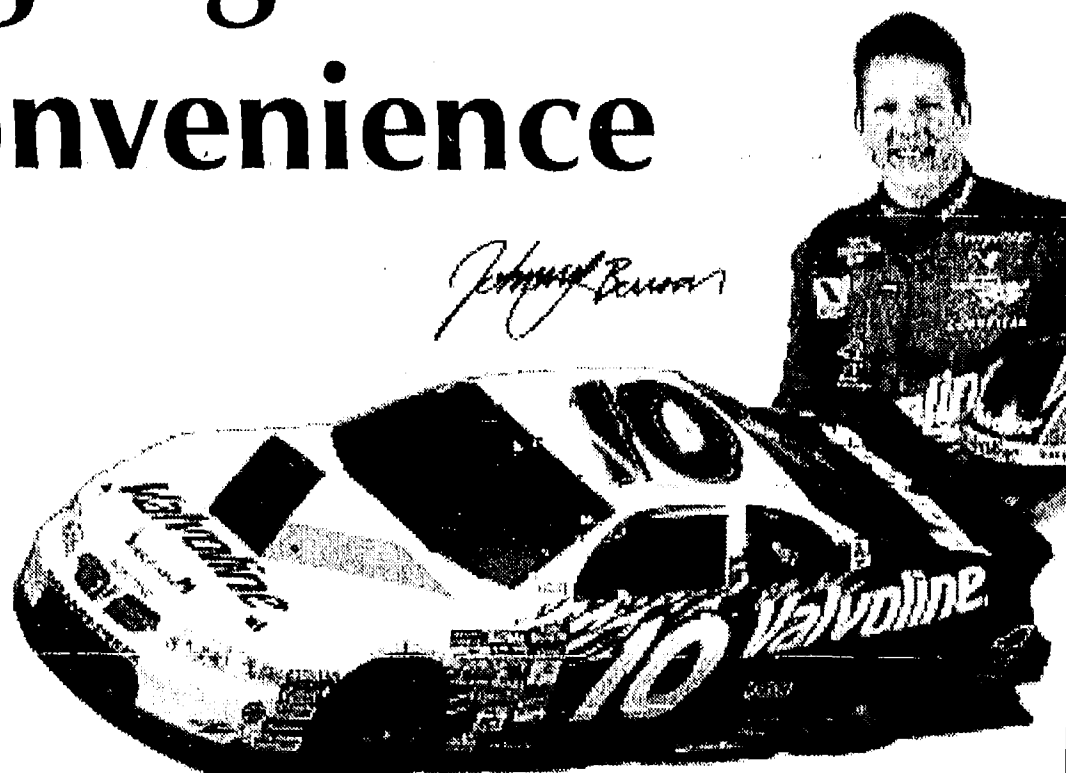
jointly.

The Rate Reduction Credit and the Advance Payments are a result of the tax law enacted last summer that created a new 10% tax rate, which reduces taxes for all income taxpayers. Instead of making taxpayers wait until they filed their 2001 tax returns for their larger refund, the tax law provided for the Advance Payments to be made last year, based on the returns for 2000. If the 2001 income and filing status would give a larger benefit than the Advance Payment, a taxpayer may claim the difference as a Rate Reduction Credit on the 2001 return.

"I am proud to have voted for the tax bill last summer that allows hard-working men and women to keep more of the money they make," Camp said. "Our country has been facing tough economic times, and the tax cut was needed to help realize our nation's economy."

Taxpayers who need assistance completing the worksheet may call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

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Cast chosen for 'The Odd Couple'

Kirtland Center Players will present the comedy "The Odd Couple," a play by Neil Simon, on March 21 - 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the G. I. Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College.

The Kirtland Center Players production of "The Odd Couple" will feature Mark Coon (West Branch), as Speed, Bob Petrik (Mio) as Murray, Robert Koch (Roscommon) as Roy, Michael Brown (Roscommon) as Vinnie, Ric Rothney (Roscommon) as Oscar Madison, Jerry Werle (Roscommon) as Felix Unger, Gabrielle Likavec (West Branch) as Gwendolyn Pigeon, and Jessica Myers (Roscommon) as Cecily Pigeon.

The production will be directed by Beth Petrik (Mio), Steven Webb (Roscommon) will be the stage manager, Keith Perrow (West Branch) will be the set designer, and Shirley Carlton (Roscommon) will be the house manager.

The current production features some old faces and some new ones. This will be a great evening with plenty of fun and laughs.

"The Odd Couple" is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Senior Center Volunteer of the Month named

Jack Beckwith has been selected the Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center Volunteer of the Month for February 2002.

Jack and his lady, Ruth, have been married for 47 years and moved to this area 18 years ago from Pickford where they lived for 33 years. They have five children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Beckwith enjoys woodworking and "puttering" around. He has been a volunteer for six months working with the Meals-On-Wheels program and has proven a valuable asset to the team.

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Davis, Thompson engaged



Brion Davis and Jason Thompson

Judge and Mrs. Alton T. Davis of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter Brion to Jason Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Thompson of Grayling.

Ms. Davis is attending Holy Cross College in Notre Dame,

Indiana. Mr. Thompson graduated from the University of Notre Dame and is currently a second year student at Notre Dame Law School. Both are 1996 graduates of Grayling High School.

A June wedding is planned.

Decker, Pettyjohn wed



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher C. Decker

Christopher C. Decker and Allison A. Pettyjohn were married on October 31, 2001 at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling.

Parents of the groom are Christine LaMotte, Jerry Brown and the late Charles C. Decker. Parents of the bride are Gary and Donna (Hughes) Pettyjohn and the late Irene Pettyjohn. All are from Grayling.

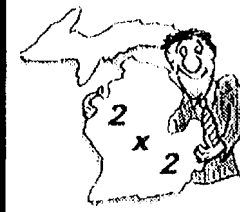
Magistrate Jean Callewaert performed the double-ring ceremony

and the fathers of the couple were their witnesses. An Open House was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's father.

The bride and groom are both 1999 graduates of Grayling High School. Allison will receive an Associate Degree in Psychology from Kirtland Community College in May 2002. Chris is on active duty in the United States Air Force. The couple currently makes their home at the Air Force base near Ramstein, Germany.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

COURT SPORTS & YOUR FEET

Inclement weather brings many competitive athletes and "weekend warriors" indoors to play basketball, racquetball, and tennis. Court sports like these present unique challenges to the feet. Knowing the potential pitfalls and preparing the body for them can help prevent injuries. Indoor sports call for consistently fast, lateral movements as athletes chase a ball or run back and forth on a basketball court. Additionally, the hard surfaces on indoor courts can stress the feet. Ankle sprains are common on basketball and tennis courts, while shock-related stress fractures may develop over time. The stress of repeated shocks to the feet as they pound the court can cause heel pain. Proper stretching and conditioning can help prevent many of these problems.

There's no question exercise is good for you, but it can put extra demands on your body. Healthy feet aren't supposed to hurt, and it's our job at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C. to find out why yours do. If being active is a big part of your life, consult your podiatrist about how to prevent as well as treat foot injuries and conditions. New patients are always welcome here at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Ph: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Court sport participants should concentrate on stretching the Achilles and their calf muscles to help prevent injury.

THE POWER SPOT

Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools News

Roses are red, violets are blue, our schools are filled with "I love yous!" Remember your Valentine on February 14.

From 2001: for Christmas, the kindergarten classes collected four boxes of food and donated it to the Christian Help Center.

Beth Meeh's 2nd grade class has been studying the five senses. The last sense they learned about was the eye. Many adults helped the students with cow eye dissection, which the class seemed to enjoy.

Kami Boik's 2nd graders went to another zoo on a "virtual" field trip and learned about food chains and the Arctic.

Many families attended the recent Math Night. Following games and prizes, June Savoie explained the schools' math program to parents while the kids were treated to a "math" snack and a movie.

First grade teams of Pamela Alexander and Cheryl Hatfield have been writing "friendly" letters to Marines stationed in Afghanistan following the news that one student's brother is currently serving there.

The K-5 Chess Club is now in its 7th year, with more students than ever taking an interest in learning and playing the game. Over 100

students are involved this year. On Tuesdays, for four weeks, children are being offered an introduction to basic chess; on Wednesdays for eight weeks, children will play competitively at four different levels. A four-week double elimination tournament will be held in the future for interested players.

Children in Jennifer Williams' kindergarten class read a unique version of *Little Red Riding Hood*, that involved the wolf trying to steal Grandma's secret muffin recipe. As a language arts lesson, the children followed the directions -- paying close attention to the words first, next, then, and last -- and the muffins turned out to be delicious.

Eight AuSable Primary classes registered for an Internet project to determine what color would appear most often in a 2.17 oz. bag of Skittles candy. Called the Skittles Challenge, 182 kindergarten through 2nd grade students participated. After counting, compiling data, and creating graphs, yellow was determined to be the most dominant color of original fruit Skittles. Over 326 schools in the U.S. and Canada have participated thus far. Check out the Challenge website at: www.crossroadsschool.org/skittlesupdate.htm.

Reading Night included dinner, a movie and discussing the five reading strategies of "jump ahead, then go back; sound it out; pop it; does it make sense?; and Can you find a little word?"

Safety Patrol Member of the Month for January was Kara Holland.

The Jr. Deputy program starts the second week of February for Grayling and Frederic 4th graders.

The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program has started for 5th graders, with Deputy Randy Herman instructing. The program lasts through May.

The AP/GE PTO met February 12 with Superintendent Millie Haug and Business Manager Mike Dunckel. The district's budget was discussed and the PTO was seeking fresh ideas and volunteers.

On February 18, school will be closed for Mid Winter Break.

From February 25-March 4, the GES Book Fair will be held.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for February 28, with early dismissal at 12:41 p.m.

On Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., AP and GE will be holding a combined K-5 Art Fair in the AP cafeteria. Individual and family entries from home must fol-

low the theme, "Proud to be an American," and classroom individual and class entries must follow the theme, "Art and Literacy."

P.I.T. STOP

Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

Parents, please remember to use Chestnut Street as a drop off and pick up for your child. The doors by the office are not to be used at those times, except in case of emergency or physical impairment. There is too much congestion in the parking lot to be able to drop your child off safely.

Sixth grade candy sale starts Monday, February 11 and ends February 25. Please make sure that your child keeps track of the money he/she collects and the box of candy bars. This is one of the last fundraisers before the sixth grade camp, which will be coming up May 28 through May 31.

Choir Boosters meeting, Thursday, February 14 at 7 p.m.

The Middle School Choir will be going to the District choir Festival on March 16. Watch for details regarding this trip.

There will be no school on February 18. This will be our mid-winter break. Also, there is a half day of school on February 28 beginning with early dismissal at the high school at 12:16 p.m. There will be parent teacher conferences on this day.

Band News: There will be a Viking Band Boosters Meeting, February 19 at 7 p.m. Also, the Middle School Band will be attending the district Band Festival on March 2. This will be held in Elk Rapids and details will be following soon.

Eighth grade parents: On February 21 there will be a meeting regarding freshman scheduling at 7 p.m. at the high school. Please plan on attending this meeting as the new block scheduling at the high school is quite confusing. Earlier on this day the eighth graders will be given a tour of the high school. The high school counselors will be at the middle school on the 22 to answer questions and then on March 1 their class choices are due to Mrs. Metiva. Please go over the schedules with your child to make sure they have all the required classes they need.

MEAP Testing will still be going on this week. Keep up the good

work on getting your child to bed early and making sure they have breakfast. The children are really taking these tests seriously. The Parent Involvement Team has provided snacks for the children during the MEAP tests.

The Phoenix Program will be taking a field trip to Grayling Head Start on February 20. They will be spending the day working with the children learning about the early childhood years.

The P.I.T. Crew is working on the Funfest that will be held at Hanson Hills on May 10. We will need a lot of volunteers and donations for this event.



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One More Week To Register!

Winter 2002 Enrichment Classes

Cake Decorating

Date: February 27, 2002
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Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Wednesday - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00 (includes instruction booklet, materials extra)
Class Size: 15
Call 344-3534 or 344-3535 for enrollment

Description: This eight week course is for adults who are interested in the basics of cake decorating and for those individuals who have some experience, but would like to learn new techniques. The instructor has over 40 years in the business. She has taught cake decorating throughout the Midwest and has won numerous awards at national cake shows. Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the Community Education office.

Hatha Yoga

Date: February 19, 2002
at GHS, room 27
Instructor: George Johnston
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Tuesday - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00 (includes an instruction booklet)
Class Size: Unlimited
Call 344-3534 or 344-3535 for enrollment

Description: Hatha yoga includes postures that stretch and energize the body. They especially benefit the nervous system and internal organs. By practicing yoga postures daily, tensions melt away, and the functions of the body are normalized. One feels relaxed and balanced, physically and mentally, has more energy, and gains a more spiritual outlook. Course includes: basic hatha yoga postures, nutrition, breath control, & deep relaxation. Easy postures are learned first, followed by ones that require more flexibility. Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing and bring a towel or exercise mat to class.



Natural Healing Class

Date: February 19, 2002
at GHS, room 2
Instructor: Mary Ann Johnston
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Tuesday - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45.00
Call 344-3534 or 344-3535 for enrollment

Description: Healing means more than curing physical disorders. Healing embraces and is part of the process and journey of life. You are healing everyday, every moment. In this Natural Healing Class you will develop personal healing concepts that fit for you. You will learn daily, meditative, preventive-healing techniques which will enhance your ability to: balance your energy field, handle stress, have less impairments, be happier, and be more loving toward others and the environment. Class includes: sharing, the mind, energy, faith, humility & ego, silence, listening, intuition, living in the now, nutrition, preparing yourself to receive or facilitate healing, breath work, creative visualization, laying on of hands, and other modalities of healing. Experience: hands-on practice with guidance.

Introduction to Computers

Date: February 25, 2002
at GHS, Lab
Instructor: Marge Schreiner
Course: 3 Weeks
Day: Monday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$40.00 (includes book)
Class Size: 8 student limit
Call 344-3534 or 344-3535 for enrollment

Are computers a mystery to you? Are you afraid the computer will break if you touch it? Come join us for the introduction to Computers class. We will introduce you to computers and how they work, take a working tour of Windows (not the kind with curtains), experiment with word processing (a.k.a. typing on a computer), and exercise a sense of humor. See you there!

Self Defense

Youth Sanchin-Ryu

Date: February 25, 2002
at GHS, room 27
Instructor: John Homrich
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Monday - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25.00
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For K-6th graders: Kids have a blast learning a wide range of self-defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu. Fun is number one in this laid-back atmosphere, where games and diverse activities enhance the topics covered! Sanchin-Ryu builds self-confidence, coordination, communication, and leadership skills through the study of a true art form. Wear loose clothes and bring your SMILE! Parents are encouraged to attend.

Adult and Family Sanchin-Ryu

Date: February 25, 2002
at GHS, room 27
Instructor: John Homrich
Course: 8 Weeks
Day: Monday - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35.00/person. Family rate of \$70.00
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Intermediate to Advanced Computers

Date: February 21, 2002
at GHS, Lab
Instructor: Terri Snyder and John Lasby
Day: Thursday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50 per class or \$175 for all 4 classes. (Includes books)
Call 344-3534 or 344-3535 for enrollment

Class I - Office Suite 2000: February 21st & 28th
Class II - Excel: March 7th & 14th
Class III - Access: March 21st & 28th
Class IV - Powerpoint: April 11th & 18th

Computer Mini Sessions

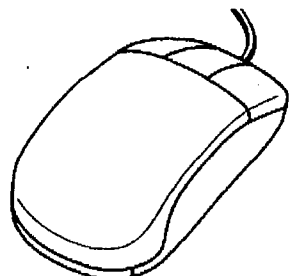
Date: February 19th, 2002
at GHS, Lab
Instructor: Terri Snyder and Ron Joyce
Day: Tuesday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35.00 per session
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Mini Session I - Introduction to Publisher: February 19th & 26th
Students will learn to create documents in Microsoft Publisher.

Mini Session II - Scanner and Digital Camera: March 5th & 12th
Upon completion of this unit students will be able to take regular and close-up pictures with the digital camera, plug in and download pictures from the camera, and use a flatbed scanner.

Mini Session III - Web Page Design: March 19th & 26th
Upon completion of this unit, students receive introductory level instruction on planning and designing a web site, create professional looking web pages, interpret and edit the HTML code, getting your web site on the internet and maintaining web pages.

Mini Session IV - Portfolios and Career Preparation: April 9th & 16th
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OBITUARIES

Forrest G. Annis

Oct. 2, 1914 - Feb. 7, 2002

Forrest G. Annis, 87, died Thursday, February 7 at his home in Beaver Creek. He was born on October 2, 1914 to George R. and Luna Idessa (Benedict) Annis in Beaver Creek. He married Jennie P. Decker on November 21, 1945 in Lake Odessa.

Mr. Annis was a lifelong resident of Beaver Creek. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He then returned to work for the Department of Conservation (now known as the Department of Natural Resources) as a forest fire officer for 30 years. He then transferred to the Engineering Division for 10 years, until his retirement in December, 1977.

He was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, a member of the Grayling Masonic Lodge #356. He served as past Master and was a life member. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star #83, and also a Shriner.

Mr. Annis enjoyed his Masonic affiliation. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association and was proud to be a member of Wellington Farm and volunteered at the park.

Mr. Annis was preceded in death by his parents, and four brothers: Homer, Howard, Alva, and Earl.

He is survived by his wife Jennie, two daughters: Anita "Annie" (Skip) Lake of Williamsburg and Irene (John) Gill of Indianapolis, Indiana; one son: Gerald (Carolyn) Annis of Anchorage, Alaska; four grandchildren, Julie Annis, Jeremy (Tiffany) Annis, Jonathan Annis, all of Denver, Colorado, and Jennifer Annis of Berrien Springs.

He also leaves behind six step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, February 11 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with Reverend Jeffrey Jagers officiating. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery. A Masonic memorial service was also held on Sunday evening.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Grayling Masonic Lodge #356, Shriner's Children Hospital, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Michael A. Pung

Oct. 3, 1948 - Feb. 9, 2002

Michael A. Pung, 53, of Grayling, formerly of St. Johns died Saturday, February 9. He was born on October 3, 1948 in St. Johns, the son of Alvin "Dick" and Viola (Bast) Pung. He was a 1966 graduate of St. Johns High School. He married Kathy Patterson on April 30, 1976 in St. Johns.

Mr. Pung was a veteran of the U.S. Army, receiving the Purple Heart. He retired from General Motors in 1997 after 30 years of service.

He had been active in Grayling Kiwanis, and served on the Beaver Creek Township and Crawford County Planning Commission.

He had coached youth baseball, soccer and basketball while living in St. Johns and had served at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Pung is survived by his wife Kathy; son, Christopher Pung of Traverse City, daughter Melissa Pung and Chad Wardie of Hazel Park, mother, Viola Pung of St. Johns, sister, Janet Pung of Bloomfield Hills, and brother, Thomas (Dorene) Pung of South Carolina.

Visitation was Tuesday evening and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Osgood Funeral Home, St. Johns. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 14 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, burial at Mt. Rest Cemetery with Rev. Fr. John Murphy officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Arrangements by Osgood Funeral Home, St. Johns.

In Remembrance of

It has been four years on February 13 since the passing of our beloved mother. He told me hitomi higaki Halstead. You will always, always be in our hearts and thoughts.

Tagavailoa family, Kracys family, and Claude Halstead, Jr.

Card of Thanks

To all of our friends in Grayling and Rosecommon: we have greatly appreciated your cards, phone calls, flowers and support in the loss of Sinan's mother.

Thanks for everything.

Anne D., Sinan and Gregory Toprak

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 87 complaints the week of February 4-10:

Three EMS responses, 27 traffic accidents, six non-traffic accidents, two school bus inspections, six civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, one suicide, six general non-criminal, one hazardous situation, one delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual

assault, one residential burglary without forced entry, one larceny, two forgery/counterfeiting, one fraudulent activities, one stolen property, two damage to property, one obscenity/material/communications, two family offense/abuse/neglect, seven public peace disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, two driving violations/DWLS, etc.

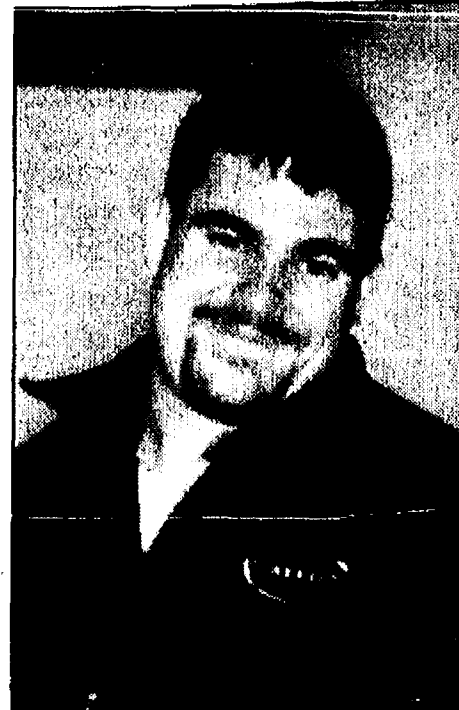
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On Saturday, February 2, Courtney Michael Charles Tilley, 23, was greeted by the Lord doing one of the things he loved best. He was also greeted by family and friends who will now enjoy his energy and humor. A bright light has gone out in this world, but heaven is by far a better place.

Courtney was born in Traverse City on March 21, 1978, to Dennis and Kathryn (Perrault) Tilley. He was born in a hurry and never stopped.

On October 21, 2000, in Grayling he married Nichole Kathrine Ney. Though their time together was short, they deeply cherished one another and Nichole was the love of his life.

Courtney was employed by Sedlacek Plumbing and Heating of Kingsley. Along with his wife, family and friends, he loved mountain biking and snowmobiling. He built, with help, a beautiful home for himself and Nichole. He prepared the land for his new home with the help of his father, uncle, and father-in-law, a couple of chainsaws, a chain, and his truck.

He treasured his years in Trojan football. He was 1st team Big North All-Conference left defensive tackle his senior year in high school. He was always one of "Roger's boys" deep in his heart.

Courtney was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles Perrault and Betty and Adrian Tilley, and his dear friends, Scott Cook and Carolyn Niebel.

He is survived by his wife, Nichole, his parents, Denny and Kathy; his sister, Jocelyn and her husband Eric Bohrer (his "bro"); his only nephew, Zachary Bohrer, whom he adored and was idolized by; his grandmother, Carol Perrault; and his aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by Nichole's parents, Rodney and Gail (Fowler) Ney Jr. of Grayling; her grandparents, Bernard and Patricia Fowler and Rodney B. Ney Sr. and Ann Martin; his sisters-in-law, Tressa and Jessica; his brothers-in-law, Rodney III and William, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A "Celebration of Life" service, led by dear friend Craig Trierweiler, was held at New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg, with well over 650 in attendance, on Wednesday, February 6. It was Courtney's wish to be cremated and his ashes will be buried in the spring in the cemetery of Nichole's family in Grayling on a hill overlooking the AuSable River.

In lieu of flowers, it is the family's foremost wishes that all donations be for Nichole Tilley. In addition, should you choose, donations can be made to the Traverse City Trojans Football in memory of Courtney Tilley, #62.

Arrangements by Covell Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Beatrice Rowland thanks all of the wonderful people who helped us in so many ways during the last few months.

Your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food, hugs (verbal and physical), dog sitting, transportation and just being there helped so much during this difficult time.

Thank you.

Harvey Rowland and family

Colleges push tuition hikes, caution flags raised

by Chris Yagelo
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Michigan universities are re-evaluating their expenses for next year and, with a rumored funding cut ahead, are announcing tuition increases for 2002-03.

Universities across the state announced increases in fees for the next year, with Central Michigan University being the highest of the past few weeks.

On Dec. 13, CMU President Michael Rao announced a 28 percent increase in the cost of one credit hour for the next school year to keep up with rising costs. The increase would raise the per-credit rate to \$152.10 from the current \$118.90. The 28 percent increase comes on the heels of a 12.5 percent increase in tuition from 2000-01 to the current school year.

Mike Silverthorn, executive director of public relations for CMU, said that all the money raised from the tuition increase would go back to the students. "We had more faculty a few years ago with 16,000 students than we do now for 19,000 students," Silverthorn said. "The money gained from tuition would be used to hire more staff. All the money would go to the students."

State Budget Director Don Gilmer believes that CMU's tuition increase is too high. "Both higher education and K-12 got increases (in state funding) last year and they have been put on notice that they shouldn't expect any more," Gilmer said. "An increase (in tuition) of that size is unacceptable."

CMU does not see it that way, however. "We would be asking CMU students to pay the average of Michigan universities," Silverthorn said. "It comes to a point where we've made so many cuts that we had to look at increasing revenues."

Senators want asparagus in school lunches

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Senators from Michigan and Washington are urging the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make a bonus purchase of asparagus for USDA nutrition programs, including the school lunch program.

In a letter written earlier this month to the Secretary of Agriculture, Senators Carl Levin (D-MI), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Patty Murray (D-WA) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA), encouraged the Secretary to "make a timely bonus commodity purchase of asparagus... to help provide much needed relief to growers."

"Including asparagus in these nutrition programs would both benefit the participants who would enjoy a healthy addition to their meal and asparagus producers who have suffered great losses recently," Levin said. "A bonus purchase of asparagus by the USDA would help these farmers get back on track for a healthier 2002 season."

"As a member of the Senate

Gilmer did say in an interview Monday that Michigan universities would be seeing a 1.5 percent increase in their funding for the next fiscal year, but this has not yet been confirmed.

CMU is not the only university raising fees for the coming school year. Northern Michigan University faced an 8.8 percent raise in tuition from the last school year to the current one and another increase seems likely.

Cindy Paavola, director of communications for NMU, said the university is facing a \$2 million shortfall for the next year, regardless of the budget. "If we get a continuation budget and we have a 3 percent growth in enrollment, the tuition increase would be in the 3 to 5 percent range," Paavola said. "Without a 3 percent growth, the tuition increase will definitely be higher."

Michigan Technological University also could be affected by budget cuts. Tuition at MTU increased 20 percent in the past year and if funding is cut, tuition could go even higher.

Bill Cumow, executive director of public relations for MTU, said a tuition increase is to be expected. "There will definitely be a tuition increase this year because all indications are that the state's budget will be flat at best," Cumow said.

Funding for public universities has increased 54.1 percent over the past decade, outpacing inflation, which has increased 22.5 percent according to the office of the Lt. Gov. However, undergraduate resident tuition has increased an average of 80 percent over the same period.

The state's universities and scholarship programs were appropriated a gross total of \$1.9 billion for the 2001-02 fiscal year. Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus has called for action to

limit the tuition increases across the state. "With the outrageous tuition increases we have seen over the past few months, the time is now to implement aggressive and innovative protections to ensure college remains affordable for Michigan's working families," Posthumus said.

In an open letter to Gov. John Engler and legislative leaders, Posthumus called for the Legislature to place on the ballot a constitutional amendment capping tuition increases at the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

Posthumus also called for a provision to penalize universities that raise tuition over the amount of inflation by reducing that university's state funding by the amount in excess of the inflation rate.

"Michigan needs a system of funding higher education that not only rewards the universities that act responsibly, but also punishes those that don't," Posthumus said. "In recent months, everyone has been forced to tighten their financial belts. Universities should be no different."

Sources say Engler might be taking this advice to heart. In exchange for a promise that universities will not raise their tuition more than 8 percent for the next school year, Engler reportedly will propose a continuation of the past year's budget. This could be preferable to universities who might otherwise face a rumored cut in appropriations of 3 percent to 5 percent.

Kelly Chesney, director of communications for the Budget Office, said that keeping levels of funding at last year's level would be a struggle.

"They'd be very lucky if they receive the same level of revenues, because it's very, very tight," Chesney said. "At most, they would get last year's levels."

Agriculture Committee, I have been fighting to protect Michigan's specialty crops," said Stabenow. "In the past few years, the asparagus industry in Michigan has lost millions. Not only have our growers been undercut by foreign competition, they have struggled to find a market for their surplus crops. I will work hard to ensure that the USDA makes a significant purchase of asparagus to help reduce current oversupply and ensure a good price for our growers."

During the 2000 season, a surge in asparagus imports and an unusually large harvest caused a significant surplus of asparagus in the marketplace. As a result, one-third of the domestic crop could not be harvested. The continuing surge in imports suppressed prices for the 2001 season and threatens to do the same in 2002.

Under the Bonus Purchase Program, the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to make a bonus purchase of a product

for use in USDA nutrition programs. Washington and Michigan are the nation's second and third largest asparagus producers respectively.

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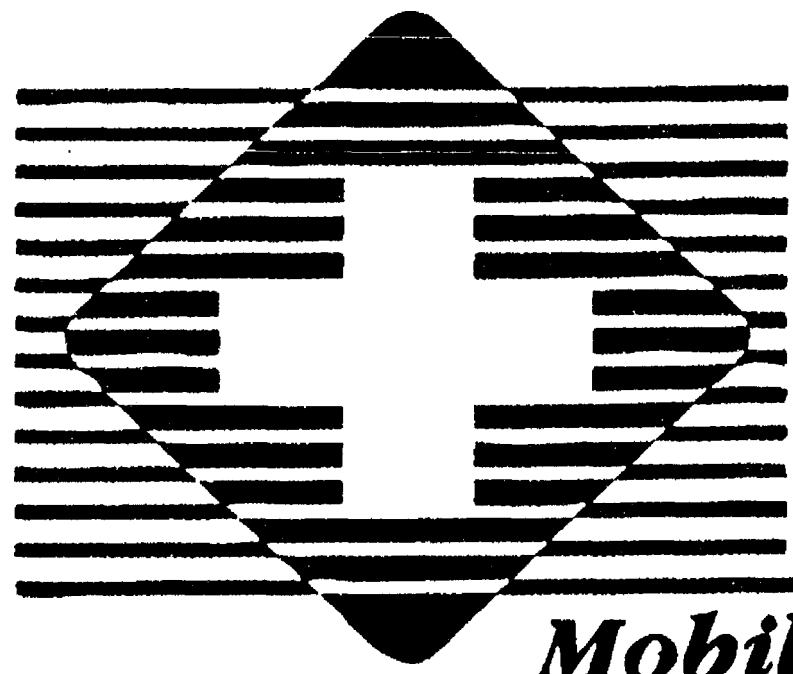
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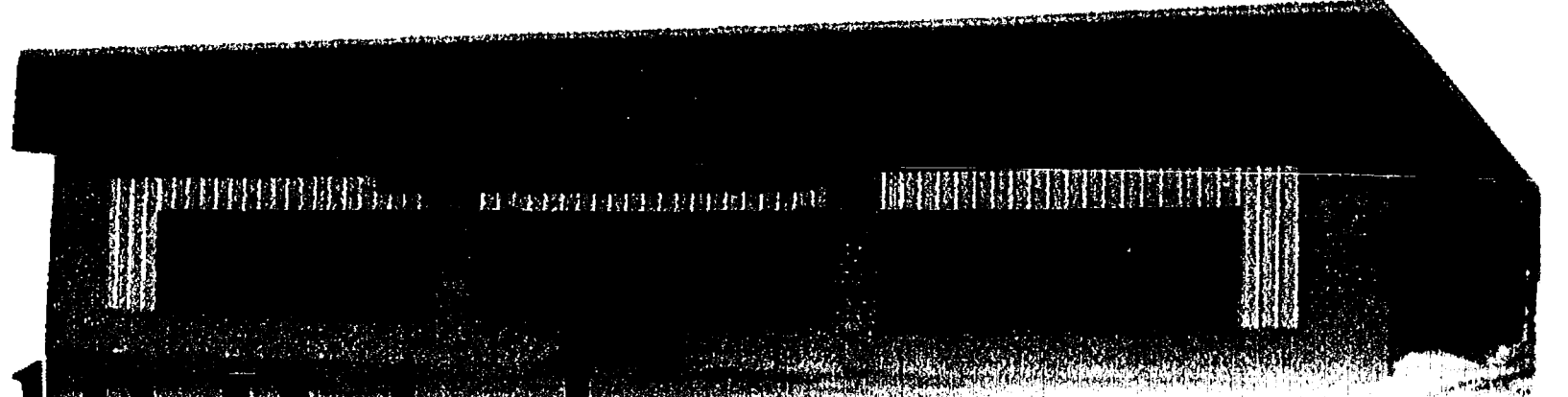
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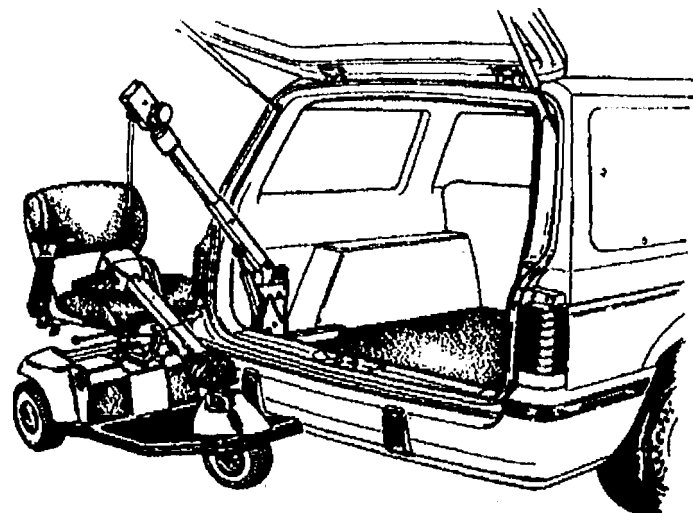
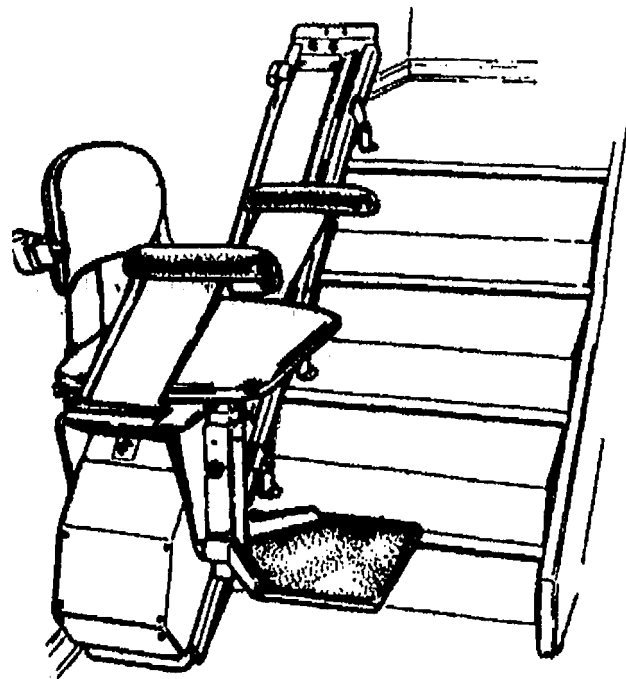


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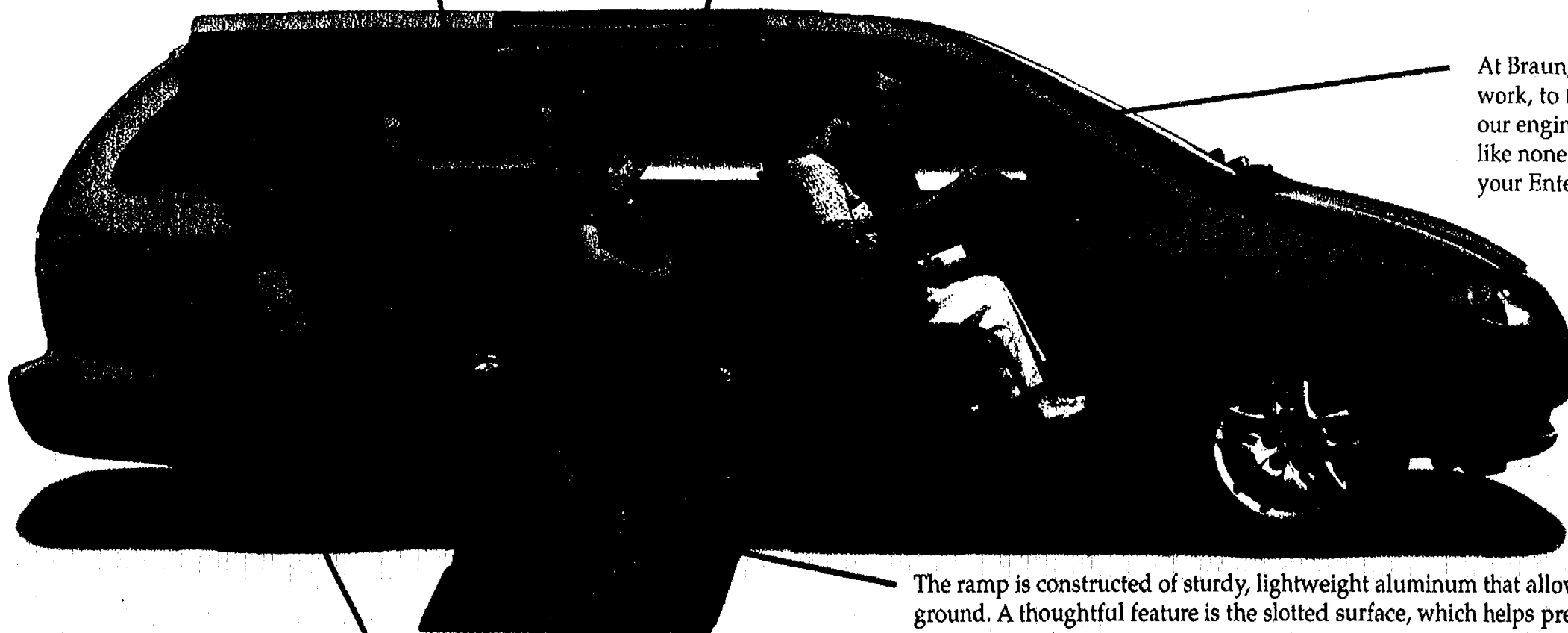
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Triathlon included in Winter Fun Days events

► Winter Wolf Triathlon to include team, individual events Feb. 23-24

The Winter Wolf Triathlon, a three-sport event that features canoeing, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing, will be held on February 23 and 24 as part of the Hanson Hills/Grayling Recreation Authority Winter Fun Days Festival.

The unique triathlon begins with a paddle on the AuSable River in a single-person craft from Ray's Canoe Livery in Grayling to the Rayburn Property, about a 45-minute trip.

The second leg of the event is a snowshoe run through the woods at Rayburn's. Racers will have a choice of either a one-mile run for relaxed competitors or a three-mile run for challenge competitors.

After the snowshoe run, the clock will stop and then resume at 11 a.m. at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. The last event of the day will be a cross country ski race with challenge competition being free-style on the Yellow Trail (about 5 miles). Relaxed competitors will compete on the Green Trail (about 3 miles) using classic cross country ski style.

There will be a team triathlon event on Sunday, February 24. The events will be the same as Saturday's individual triathlon, but

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GHS SKI TEAMS FINISH 2ND, 3RD IN LEAGUE

► Viking boys take 2nd, girls finish 3rd in Central Alpine Ski Conference

Grayling High School's boys ski team finished second in its conference last week and the girls finished third after competing in the final league meet of the year – the Central Alpine Ski League Meet – at Treetops in Gaylord on Thursday.

In boys team competition, Mt. Pleasant took first in the conference, followed by Grayling, Clare, Harrison, Farwell, and Roscommon.

The Vikings gave first-place Mt. Pleasant some competition, as four Grayling skiers finished in the top 11 in both races. Keil Clough led the GHS boys with a 2nd place finish in slalom and a 4th in giant slalom (GS). Eric Hart was 4th in

slalom and 11th in GS; Pat McNally was 11th in slalom and 10th in GS; Eric Hunter placed 10th in slalom and 17th in GS; Trevor Clough finished 16th in slalom and 20th in GS; Ben McNally disqualified in slalom

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Kelly Jansen skis the giant slalom course at the Central Alpine Ski Conference Meet at Treetops last week. Jansen finished 2nd overall in GS at the meet, and 4th in slalom to lead Grayling's girls team.

Travel team started for high school bowlers

► Grayling Bowling Club is in its first season as a GHS club sport

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School has a new club sport this year: bowling.

Leaders of the Grayling Area Youth Bowling (GAYB) organization, with some financial help from the Grayling Youth Booster Club, established a Grayling High School "club team" for bowling this winter sports season, and they hope bowling will eventually be picked up as an official varsity sport.

The team is sort of an off-shoot of the GAYB league. The GAYB league, which usually has over 100 young people bowling at Legion Lanes every weekend, is open to bowlers age 5-22. Bowlers compete in three separate age divisions.

Last year, a new group of people took over administration of the youth bowling league, and they soon went to work on creating a travel team for the league's high school-age bowlers.

During the sanctioning process, they learned it would cost \$700 for the team to join a league. They went to the Grayling Youth Booster Club with a proposal and a request for financial backing.

"The Booster Club said 'no problem,'" said Deb Helsel, one of the youth bowling league leaders that

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Volleyball squads post 3-4 record vs. Ogemaw

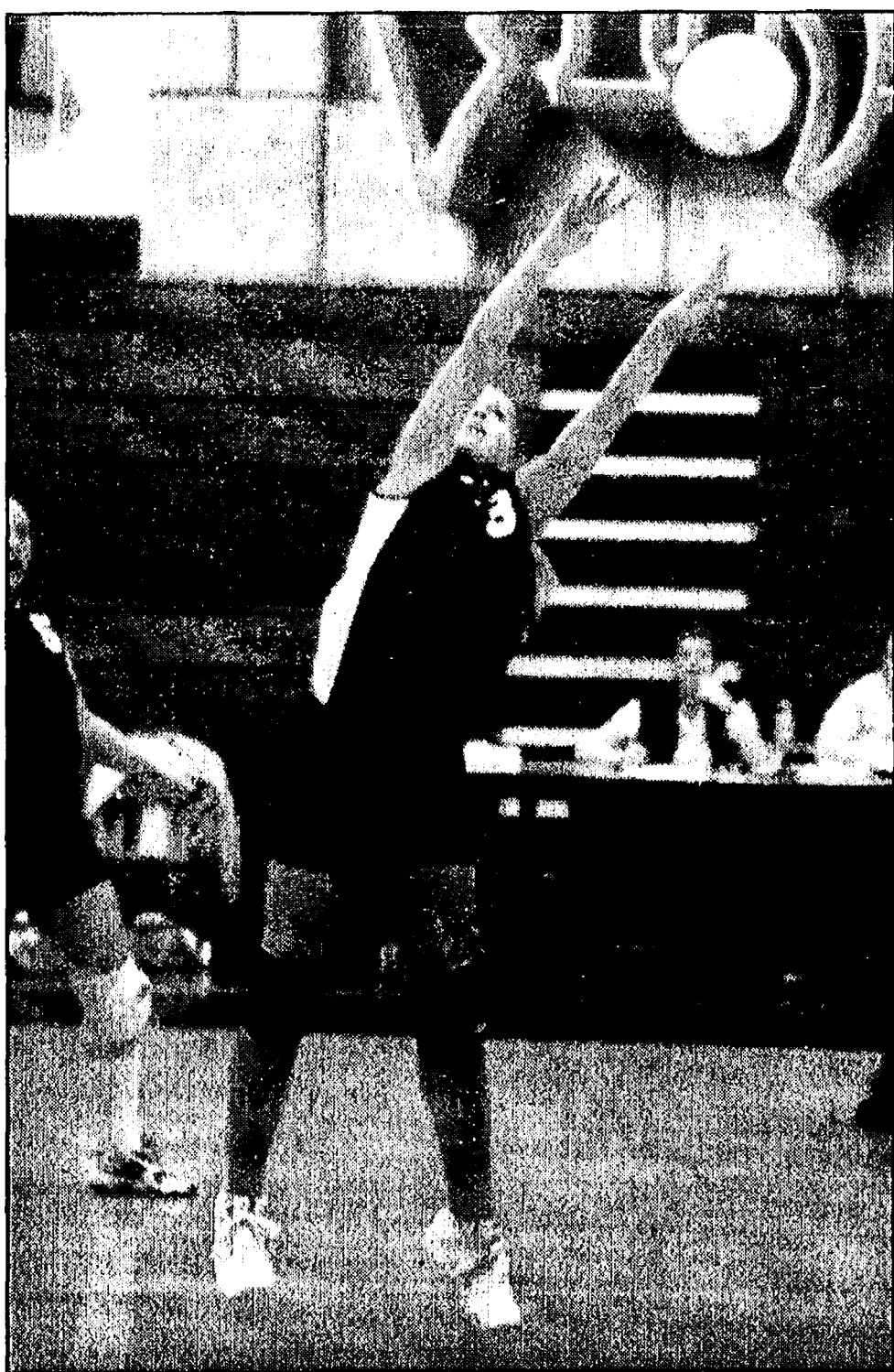


Photo by Caleb Casey

Lori Ellis hits a ball near the net in last week's varsity girls volleyball series vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Grayling. The varsity team lost a hard-fought set two games to one. Grayling's freshman team won 2-0, and the JV squad lost 2-0 against Ogemaw. For more on the GHS volleyball teams, see Page 3B.

Grayling wrestlers place 3rd at league meet

The Grayling High School wrestling team placed 3rd at the North East Michigan Conference Meet – held in Grayling this year – behind first place Ogemaw Heights and second place Gladwin this past Saturday.

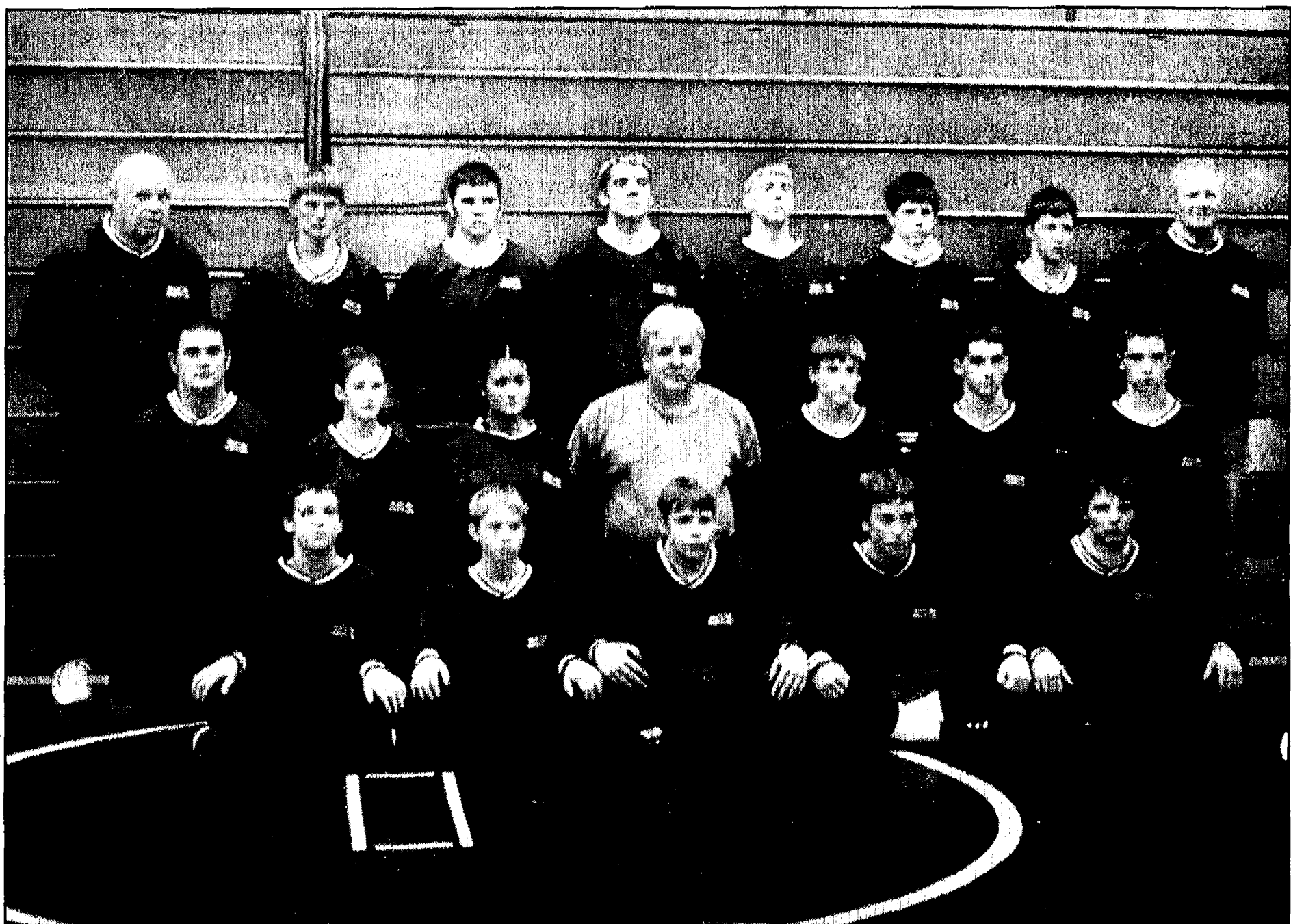
Grayling finished ahead of Tawas, Bay

City John Glenn, Pinconning, and Oscoda.

Individually, several Vikings finished in the top four of their respective weight classes at Saturday's conference meet: Adam Malone (125), 2nd place; Andy Palmer (130), 2nd; Dusty Partello (145),

2nd; Greg Warren (189), 2nd; Aaron Rosecrans (215), 4th.

The GHS wrestling team will compete in Team Districts on Thursday, February 14, at Roscommon. The Vikings will wrestle in Individual Districts at Standish Sterling on Saturday, February 16.



The 2001-02 GHS wrestling team; (front row, left to right) Brian Borchers, Brady Ward, Jessie Mooneyham, Tom Barnett, Dusty Partello; (middle row, left to right) Greg Warren, Emily Harvey, Tabitha Rashid, Coach Mike Hopkins, Scott Bearss, Adam Malone, Don Starks; (back row, left to right) Coach Don Ferguson, Andy Palmer, Aaron Rosecrans, Brandon Pratt, Zach Wegner, Mike Gassman, Darryl Babbitt, Coach Bill Rosecrans.

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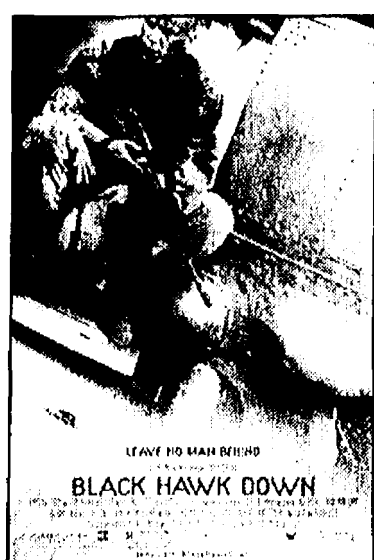
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Freshman basketball team defeats SSC 57-41

► Grayling's 9th grade basketball team keeps steady lead in 16-point win

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School maintained a steady edge over the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central in last Monday's freshman boys basketball game and sealed a 57-41 victory with a 19-8 fourth quarter.

Grayling, playing on its home floor, came out strong early with a 12-2 run to open the game. The run included a put-back and a shot inside by Matt Swope, two three-pointers by Josh Hinkle, and a drive by D.J. Metzger.

The Vikings went cold, and Standish outscored Grayling 5-1 in the last half of the first quarter. Grayling led 13-7 going into the second period.

Standish pulled within four with a shot inside. Grayling took a 17-9 lead with a three-point play by Josh Millikin and a free throw by Metzger.

The Vikings scored 12 more points in the remainder of the second quarter (to SSC's six) on (in order) a put-back by Hinkle, a shot inside and two free throws by Swope, a shot inside by Millikin, a lay-up by Hinkle, and a shot inside by Millikin on a pass from Swope.

Grayling had a 12-point advantage at halftime, 29-17.

The Vikings had some trouble completing their passes in the third period, leading to several turnovers and a 16-9 scoring advantage for Standish in the quarter.

Grayling scored its nine third quarter points on a jumper by Ryan Schmidt, a three-point play by Swope, a put-back by Swope, and a shot inside by Russ Peters.

The Vikings led by five, 38-33,

going into the fourth period.

After struggling for a quarter, the Grayling team posted a strong fourth period performance to stay ahead for good. The Vikings outscored SSC 19-8 in the eight-minute quarter on (in order) a fast break lay-up by Metzger on a pass from Millikin, a shot inside by Swope, a jumper by Hinkle, a drive by Schmidt, a lay-up by Schmidt on a pass from Tim Umlor, a drive by Hinkle, two free throws by Swope, a

triple by Metzger, and a drive by Schmidt.

GHS finished 16 points ahead of the visiting Panthers, 57-41.

Swope was the scoring leader for Grayling with 17 points. Hinkle finished with 14 points, and Schmidt and Metzger added eight apiece.

The Vikings play at Tawas on Thursday, February 14. On Wednesday, February 20, the team will host the Blue Devils of Gaylord at 6 p.m.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Josh Millikin takes a shot inside against the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central in last Monday's game in Grayling. The Vikings won the match 57-41.

JV, varsity basketball teams win at Gladwin

► Vikings win JV game 57-40, then take varsity match 59-51 vs. Flying G's

The Vikings of Grayling High School won varsity and junior varsity boys basketball games at Gladwin last Friday.

The varsity squad posted a 59-51 victory over the host Flying G's of Gladwin, improving the team's league record to 6-4.

Grayling led 22-16 at the half and had a 42-28 lead going into the fourth quarter, then held on for an eight-point win.

"We played well in spurts at times," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Our kids worked hard on the

boards all night long."

R.J. Schmidt was the leading scorer for Grayling in the match with 16 points. Larry Baynham added 14 points and led the rebounding effort for Grayling with 13 boards. Chet Wheeler finished with 13 points.

Nick D'Amour was the assists leader for the Vikings with five. Joe Lange blocked four shots in the contest.

Grayling, now 8-6 overall, moved into a tie for second place in the North East Michigan Conference with Friday night's win. The Vikings and Owls (of Oscoda) are both 6-4 in the league. Tawas and Standish Sterling are tied for first in the conference with 7-3 league records.

Grayling's JV team defeated Gladwin 57-40 on Friday night.

"We scored pretty consistently in every quarter," Coach Butch Hayes said. "On defense, we applied pretty good pressure — full court, then we switched up to half court and adjusted the tempo."

Andy Strohpaal led the scoring attack for Grayling with 19 points. Travis Gildner finished with 13. Roy Czapek and Joe Zelek each had eight points. Eight Vikings scored in the match.

The victory boosted Grayling's JV record to a solid 12-2 with six games yet to play.

The teams will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, February 15, starting with the JV contest at 6:15 p.m.

North East Michigan Conference

VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	league record	overall record
Standish Sterling	7-3	9-5
Tawas	7-3	9-6
GRAYLING	6-4	8-6
Oscoda	6-4	8-6
Pinconning	5-5	8-7
Ogemaw Heights	4-5	4-10
John Glenn	3-7	4-11
Gladwin	1-8	2-11

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Volleyball squads post 3-4 record vs. Ogemaw

► Freshman, JV, and varsity teams face off against West Branch

Grayling High School hosted the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday for freshman, junior varsity, and varsity girls volleyball matches.

The Vikings combined for a 3-4 record against West Branch. The varsity squad lost a best-of-three series 2-1, the JV team lost 2-0, and the freshman squad won 2-0.

The varsity Vikings won game one of its series vs. Ogemaw 15-10. Grayling jumped out to an early 7-1 lead, then the Falcons fought back to tie the score at 8-8. The Vikings rallied to win the game by five.

Ogemaw led 14-7 late in the second game. Facing game point, the Vikings fought off several Ogemaw serving opportunities to pull within three, 11-14, until the Falcons finally put the game away.

A hard-fought rubber match ended up tied at 10-10, then Ogemaw put together a run to win 15-10.

For Grayling, Jamie Dent had 6 aces, 4 kills, and 14 assists; Ashley Hawley finished with 8 kills and 6

blocks; Ashley Wolcott scored 3 aces and 4 digs; Lori Ellis posted 6 blocks; Angeanette Lovely had 6 aces; Amanda Felver finished with 11 assists and 2 aces; and Hannah Hall posted 4 kills and 4 aces.

The JV squad lost to Ogemaw 15-4 and 15-9.

Grayling's 9th grade squad won its series vs. West Branch 15-11, 15-3.

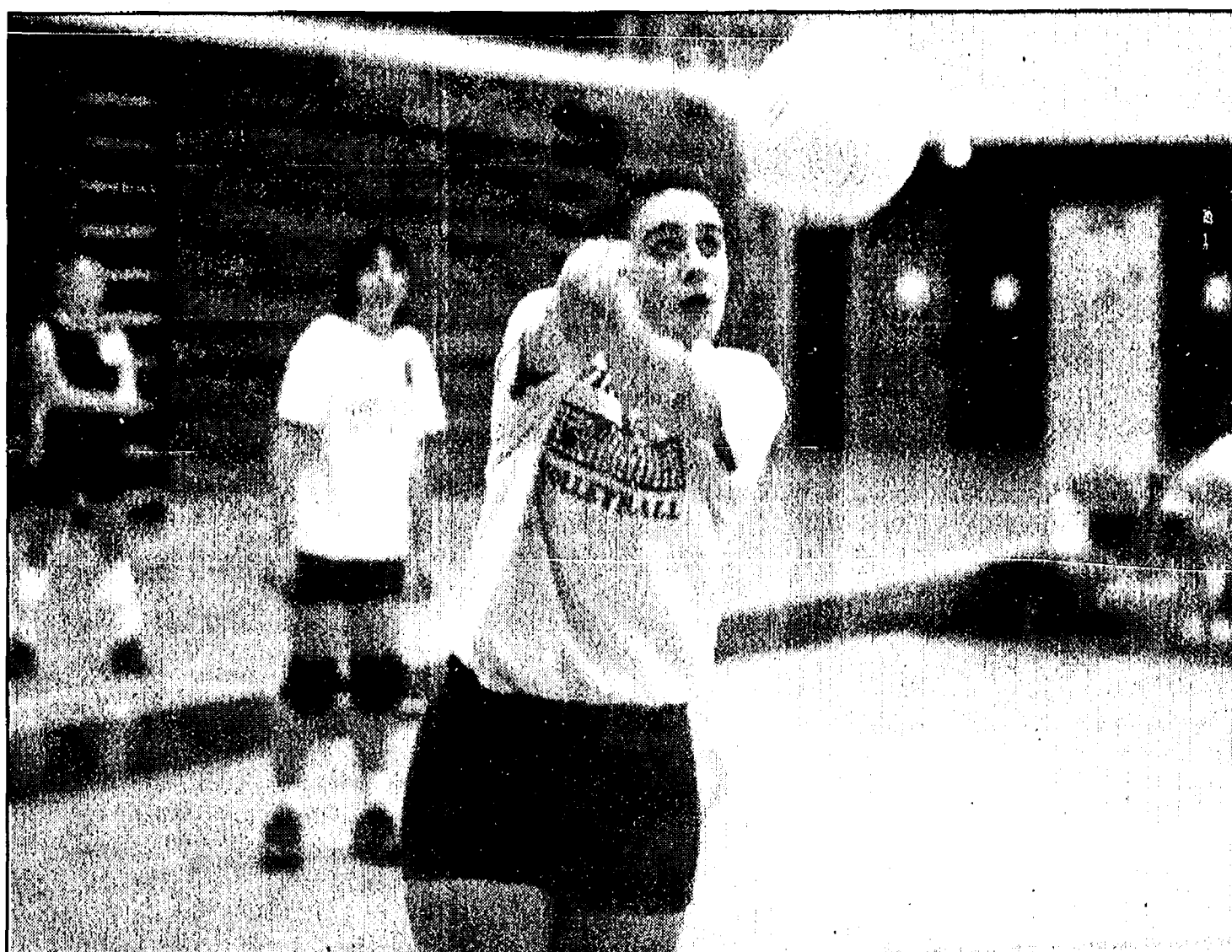
"We had outstanding serves," said Coach Amy Owen. "We only missed six serves the entire match."

Elizabeth Banda was 12 for 12 with the ball; June Clark served 10 for 10; Jenny VanNuck finished 5 for 6; Jenny Tozer was 6 for 8; and Jessica Pfaff 2 for 2.

"We came out confident and kept it through the match," Coach Owen said. "The girls had several bump, set and spike attacks and only missed six serves. Jenny Tozer was very aggressive at the net and served five points in game one. She had several kills that scored us points. Elizabeth Banda served 8 of the 15 points in the second game."

The JV, varsity, and freshman girls volleyball teams will all host Tawas on Wednesday, February 13, at Grayling High School beginning at 6:15 p.m.

The event will include a "parents night" ceremony.

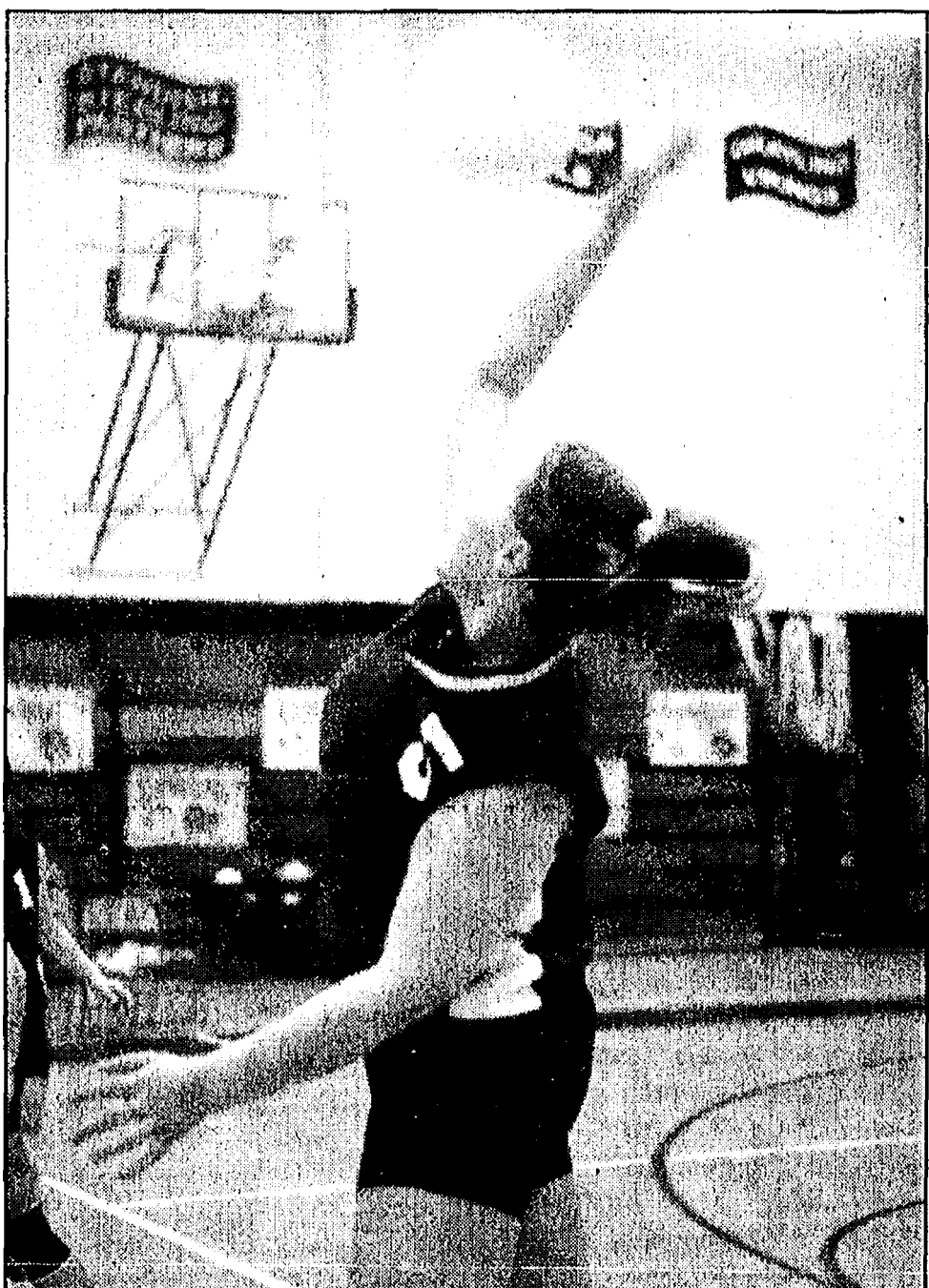


Jenny Tozer handles a ball for Grayling's freshman girls volleyball team in a match last week against West Branch Ogemaw Heights. The Vikings won the series 2-0.



(Above) Samantha Collin fields an Ogemaw serve for Grayling's JV team in a game against West Branch last week. Ogemaw defeated Grayling 2-0 in the series. (Left) Hannah Hall hits a ball at the net for the varsity squad vs. Ogemaw. West Branch edged GHS 2-1 in a close series.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Varsity team hosts invitational meet

► Vikings post one win, two losses in annual Subway Invitational tourney

Grayling High School's varsity girls volleyball team posted one win and two losses in its annual Subway Invitational Tournament in Grayling on Saturday.

The Vikings defeated Beaverton but lost to Kingsley and Houghton Lake.

Jamie Dent, a GHS senior, was named to the All-Tournament Team for her performance in the Subway

Invitational.

Dent had 9 kills, 7 aces, 11 digs, and 31 assists in the tournament. Ashley Hawley had 12 solo blocks and 15 kills; Ashley Wolcott finished with 5 aces and 10 digs; Amanda Felver posted 26 assists and 4 aces; Lori Ellis had 7 kills and 4 blocks; Hannah Hall scored 9 aces, 7 kills, and 6 digs; Tab Keitchum finished with 13 digs; and Angeanette Lovely scored 11 aces and 4 kills.

"Our team has made great improvements since the beginning of our season," said Coach Angie Golinick. "With such a young team - we have two sophomores and two

freshmen starting - the game experience has provided ample opportunities for us to learn."

"Even though our record doesn't show many wins, we have overcome many obstacles. We will be a solid team going into the NEMC league tournament," Coach Golinick said.

The Vikings host the Braves of Tawas on Wednesday, February 13. On Wednesday, February 20, the team will play the Owls of Oscoda at Oscoda.

Freshman team comes up short in road matches

► 9th grade Vikes fall to Petoskey, Charlevoix, and Standish Sterling

In recent freshman girls volleyball matches, Grayling High School lost to Petoskey and Charlevoix 2-0 in best-of-three series and fell to Standish Sterling 3-1 in a best-of-five set.

In a meet at Petoskey on January 30, the Vikings lost to Petoskey 15-2, 15-5 and were defeated by Charlevoix 15-10, 15-8.

"We had a tough time getting our serves over the net, but maintained good posture throughout," said Coach Amy Owen.

At Standish on February 4, the Vikings won 15-12, then lost 15-6, 15-13, and 15-5 in a best-of-five series.



"We played extremely, but they still beat us. The girls pulled together and almost beat them in the third game, but we missed some critical plays. They didn't panic in the last game. We set it up just like we practiced," Coach Owen said.

Against Standish, Natalie Christman served 11 for 14; Jenny VanNuck was 17 for 23; Jenny Tozer finished at 6 for 12; and Elizabeth Banda was 5 for 9.

On Wednesday, February 13, the team hosts the Braves of Tawas. On Monday, February 18, the Vikings will host the Gladwin Flying G's at 6:15 p.m.

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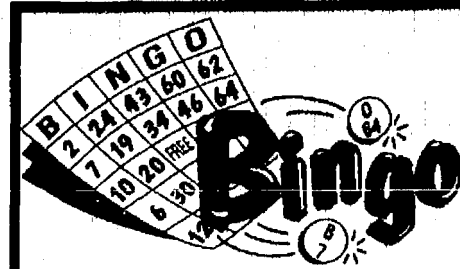
Vikings of the Week

Jamie Dent Ashley Hawley

Varsity Volleyball
Coach: Angie Golinick
JAMIE DENT & ASHLEY HAWLEY

Jamie, an outstanding leader, has provided a great resource for her younger teammates. She was selected to the All-Tournament Team at Saturday's Subway Invitational. Ashley has played very well at the net, and has evolved into a player the others can depend on. She has improved her hitting and blocking.



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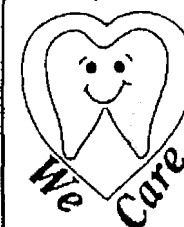
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

ROSCOMMON - After lopsided losses against two of the top community college programs in the country, the Kirtland Firebirds are looking up in the standings at the six conference qualifiers for the post-season state tournament. But their confidence remains surprisingly high.

"Our kids still think they can compete with anybody," Coach Glen Donahue said. "But we can't do it making the kinds of mistakes we keep making."

Turnovers and poor rebounding contributed heavily to a 92-72 loss Wednesday night to C.S. Mott, which ran its overall record to 21-2 and its conference record to 9-1. That is second in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association only to Schoolcraft (9-0 and 22-0), which beat Kirtland soundly on Friday.

But now that the most difficult part of their season is behind them,

the Firebirds believe they can climb back into the playoff picture with a strong finish.

"We just have to play a little better, which we know we can do," Donahue said. "But right now we're in a position of having to win these four games ahead of us."

Mario Collins had 25 points and Monte Tucker had 18 for Kirtland (3-6 and 12-11).

The game was played at Roscommon High School after being moved amid controversy from the Firebirds' regular home court, the CRAF Center in Roscommon. Visiting coaches contested the height of the rims, and a measurement confirmed that both were short of the regulation 10 feet.

ROSCOMMON - After getting roughed up against two of the top teams in the nation in their previous two games, the Kirtland Firebirds had a little fun Saturday at the expense of winless Oakland Community College with a 125-108 victory.

The game was a wild shootout that saw Kirtland score the first 12 points of the game en route to a 72-40 halftime lead on the strength of 30 points from sophomore forward Monte Tucker. He finished with 39 points on 10 of 16 shooting from the floor, including five of seven from three-point range and 14-15 from the free-throw line.

Tucker was one of five Kirtland players in double figures. Andy Topic and Mario Collins each scored 20 for the Firebirds. Jake Milarch had 12 and Rubens Martinelli had 10 as Kirtland improved to 13-11 overall.

Womens Team

LIVONIA - Kirtland's Lady Firebirds continue to have first-half problems, and that isn't a good habit against one of the best teams in the country.

So it was Friday night, when they faced Schoolcraft, ranked No. 7 in the nation in its division.

"We dug ourselves a pretty deep hole, but our girls never gave up," Coach Jimmy Parker said after an 80-53 defeat, his team's fourth straight loss.

"It just took us awhile to get going. In the first 12 minutes or so, we really had trouble with our defense."

By the time the Firebirds got the bugs out of their game, the outcome was pretty well determined.

"They only outscored us by four points in the second half," Parker said.

Freshman guard Becca Miller continued her strong season, leading Kirtland with 18 points. Sophomore Brandi Bates, improving her game after playing nearly a month on a badly sprained ankle, contributed 16 points.

"Other than that, we didn't get a whole lot of scoring from anyone else," Parker said. "We really miss Hannah."

Hannah Miller, a sophomore guard and the team's most dangerous outside shooter, missed her fourth straight game with a wrist injury.

ROSCOMMON - Unable to hold a nine-point lead with four minutes in regulation, Kirtland Community College's losing streak was extended to five games Wednesday with an 89-82 loss in double overtime to Mott.

Becca Miller had 25 points and Amy Jordan had 22 for Kirtland (2-7 and 9-14).

ROSCOMMON - With less than eight minutes remaining and trailing by nine points - and missing two of their top veteran players - Kirtland's Lady Firebirds were staring at their sixth straight loss when freshman Kristy Hulbert and her teammates said enough is enough.

Hulbert hit a three-point basket, then stole the ball on the in-bounds play and drove for a lay-up, drawing the foul. She hit the free three, too, giving her six straight points in a 13-1 run that powered Kirtland to an 81-73 victory Saturday over Oakland.

After so many close games and so many losses in this difficult run without leading scorer Hannah

Miller, the Lady Firebirds finally finished one off the right way. And they did it without their best inside player, Brandi Bates, who left late in the first half after aggravating an ankle injury.

"We were just really sick of being in that situation," Hulbert said. "We knew what we had to do. We've been in so many close games and lost them. We just told ourselves we're going to keep it this time. And we did."

Hulbert, a freshman guard from Grayling, finished with 16 points, 13 of them in the final six minutes. Becca Miller, the freshman from Mio who has played so well since her older sister went down with a wrist injury, continued her strong play with 32 points. Jillian Schultz, a freshman center from Oscoda, contributed 13 points to help the Lady Firebirds improve to 3-7 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 10-14 overall.

"We were missing some big players, and everybody stepped it up a little bit," said Coach Jimmy Parker, who praised freshman forward Arica Wolcott, from Grayling, for a good effort.

"Arica came in and made some tough plays inside after we lost Brandi. And Kristy just played her heart out today. That's what we need to win."



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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation

Mickey Perez CPA. 19 - 13
Glen's Market. 18 - 14
Skyline Ski & C.C. 18 - 14
Scheer Motors. 17 - 15
Chicken Little Joint Project. 16 - 16
Gale Enterprises. 15 - 17
Peterson Saw Service. 14 - 18
Woody Girls. 11 - 21
High Series: S. Johnson, 524; N. Root, 502; D. Mead, 491.
High Game: N. Root, 198; J. Hinds, 190; D. Mead, 184.

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy. 49 1/2 34 1/2

Cornell Insurance. 44 1/2 39 1/2
Buccilli's Pizza. 44 - 40
Spike's Keg O'Nails. 43 1/2 40 1/2
Flowers by Josie. 42 - 42
Sylvester's Sport. 39 - 45
Baynham Wood Products. 38 - 47
Hall Snow Removal. 34 1/2 49 1/2
High Game Men: P. Mead, 221; K. Louchart, 202; D. Germain, 201.
High Series Men: D. Germain, 532; K. Louchart, 523; P. Mead, 504.
High Game Women: P. Harris, 211; R. Joyce, 185; D. Hall, 174.
High Series Women: R. Joyce, 503; M. Baker, 498; P. Harris and D. Hall, 476.

Northwood

Riverland. 22 - 10
Hart Pontiac-GMC. 20 - 12
Corky's Karaoke. 20 - 12
R. Calkins and Sons. 18 - 14
R & M Masonry. 15 - 17
Hometown. 14 - 18
Plaza Bar. 11 - 21
North Michigan Financial. 8 - 24
High Game: M. Starks, 229; T. Rock, 225; D. Baker, 206.
High Series: T. Rock, 570; J. Hinds, 532; M. Starks, 529.

Pioneer

Avalanche. 16 - 8
Aunt Betty's. 14 - 10
South Side River Rats. 14 - 10
McDonald's of Grayling. 12 - 12
Chemical Bank. 11 - 13
Millikin's. 11 - 13
Custom Interior. 10 - 14
Rochette's. 8 - 16
High Series: J. Hinds, 537; K. Morrill, 523; D. Hollis, 508.

High Game: T. Hellebuyck, 199; K. Moshier, 198; J. Hinds, 197.

National First

Hellebuyck Masonry. 31 - 4
Faustman's Insurance. 19 - 16
Denholm Chiropractic. 17 - 18
Northern White Tail Ranch. 16 - 19
Legion Lanes. 16 - 19
AuSable Construction. 16 - 19
Miller's Production. 14 - 21
Hart Pontiac-GMC. 11 - 24
High Game: C. Brill, 261; J. Hunt, 243; G. Goniwicha, 236.
High Series: C. Brill, 656; P. Miller, 646; D. Canfield, 628.

American Men's League

McLean's ACE. 20 - 8
Fenton's Auto Service. 19 - 9
North Woods Land Co. 15 - 13
Forrest Brothers. 15 - 13
Scheer Motors. 14 - 14
Barber Construction. 11 - 17
Moore's Automotive. 9 - 19
CSI Industrial Systems. 9 - 19
High Game: T. Devins and L. Davis, 247; M. Smith, 238.
High Series: T. Devins, 736; L. Davis, 648; M. Barr, 633.

Triangle League

Moshier's Auto Repair. 18 - 6
Deane Systems. 16 - 8
Stitches by Sue. 13 - 11
Sawmill Tavern. 12 - 12
Ghost Team. 12 - 12
Barber Construction. 9 - 15
Central Michigan Painting. 9 - 15
Gray Rock Cafe. 7 - 17
High Series: R. Marwede and J. Lozon, 581; J. Robideau, 567.

High Game: J. Robideau, 238; R. Marwede, 228; N. Mead, 211.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Moshier's Auto Repairs. 44 - 12
R & M Masonry. 37 - 19
Wakeley's Auto Parts. 30 - 26
McDonald's. 25 - 31
Helsel Brother's. 22 - 34
Jack's. 22 - 34
Waste Management. 20 - 36
Custom Interior. 19 - 37
High Game Men: R. Adkinson, 265; S. Miller, 235; J. Robideau, 230.
High Series Men: J. Robideau, 653; R. Adkinson, 630; S. Miller, 617.

High Game Women: S. Johnson, 191; S. France, 187; M. Starks and T. Day, 181.

High Series Women: M. Starks, 516; J. Hinds, 510; S. Johnson, 503.

Friday Mixed Doubles

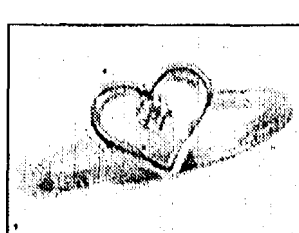
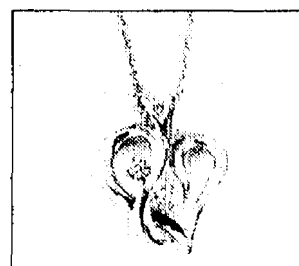
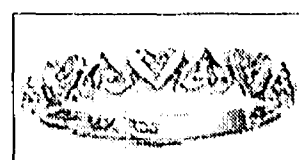
Ken's Tire & Auto. 22 - 14
Charlie's Country Corner. 21 1/2 14 1/2
Chicken Little Joint Project. 21 - 15
Moshier Auto Repair. 20 - 16
Fick & Sons. 18 - 18
Aunt Betty's. 17 - 19
Double Trouble. 15 1/2 20 1/2
Newlyweds. 9 - 27
High Game Men: D. Yanniello, 277; J. Campbell, 234; J. Rabideau, 223.
High Series Men: D. Yanniello, 690; J. Campbell, 599; J. Rabideau, 593.
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 212; D. Medina, 202; C. Yanniello, 196.
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 589; D. Medina, 538; C. Yanniello, 533.

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Results

Saturday, February 9 vs. Gladwin
Set #1 - High Game: Steve Gildner, 211; High Series: Steve Gildner, 355; Baker Game 1: Grayling 122, Gladwin 157; Baker Game 2: Grayling 150, Gladwin 134.
Set #2 - High Game: Nick

McNamar, 171; High Series: Nick McNamar, 310; Baker Game 1: Grayling 184, Gladwin 140; Baker Game 2: Grayling 201, Gladwin 166.

The Grayling Bowling Club will host a meet at Legion Lanes in Grayling on Saturday, February 16, at 12 noon. Spectators are welcome.

Standings

#1 Oscoda Owls
#2 Standish Panthers
#3 Tawas Braves
#4 Whittemore Prescott Cardinals
#5 Gladwin Flying G's
#6 Grayling Bowling Club
#7 Mio Thunderbolts
#8 AuGres/Sims Wolverines

Travel team started for high school bowlers

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spearheaded the club team initiative. (She is now one of the team's coaches.)

The Booster Club agreed to pay \$580 of the \$700 fee with the stipulation that the remaining money would be generated by a sign-up fee from participating players, Helsel said. "Without the Booster Club, we probably couldn't have done it," she said.

Once they had the money to sign up for a league, they had to decide which one to join. Several were available.

They decided to enter a league that contains many of the same teams as the North East Michigan Conference - the sports league Grayling High School plays in - such as Tawas, Oscoda, Gladwin,

and Standish.

The league is sanctioned and it goes by Michigan High School Athletic Association rules for eligibility and conduct. For the club's \$700, team members received bowling shirts and are entered in an eight-week season. There will be play-offs for teams that qualify.

During regular meets, teams field five players. They bowl two sets - one set of two regular games and one set of two "Baker" games. In Baker games, each of a squad's five players bowls two frames and the top team scores win.

Helsel said the team is doing well so far. "The kids are having fun. This is a great opportunity. It gives them the opportunity to excel in their sport," she said.

The league Grayling belongs to

will give out awards at the end of the season - such as "most improved" and "sportsmanship" - and will also have some college scholarship money available. The league is trying to get its sport accepted as a varsity sport.

Scholarship money is one potential benefit of playing - and excelling - in the high school league, or in high school varsity bowling. Many colleges and universities have bowling teams, and there are athletic scholarships available for bowlers.

Helsel said two of the Grayling team's seniors are currently looking into colleges that have bowling teams and may be able to offer them scholarships.

"We do have some good bowlers," she said.

GHS ski teams finish 2nd, 3rd in league

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and placed 6th in GS.
"The boys skied well but didn't get enough help from other teams to knock the all-senior team from Mt. Pleasant out of first place," Coach Mike Wieland said.
In the final girls CASL confer-

ence standings, Mt. Pleasant took first, Clare finished 2nd, Grayling 3rd, Harrison 4th, Roscommon 5th, and Farwell 6th.
At the conference meet last week, Kelly Jansen led Grayling's girls team with a 4th place finish in slalom and a 2nd in GS. Jansen was

6th after the first GS run, then turned in the fastest run of the day to finish 2nd. Andria Alvarez placed 11th in slalom and 8th in GS; Heather Vandecar tied Alvarez for 11th in slalom and was 21st in GS; Lesley Gilbert had two solid finishes with a 20th and a 21st; Kassie

McClain was 29th in slalom and 33rd in GS. Mallory Olson was ahead of Jansen in the first run of GS but finished 13th after a slower second run. Olson lost a ski in slalom and was disqualified.
The Vikings ski at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville on



GHS ski coach Mike Wieland (front, center) was recently named "(Girls Ski Team) Coach of the Year" in the Central Alpine Ski Conference. Grayling's girls ski team includes: (front, left to right) Kassie McClain, Lesley Gilbert, Coach Wieland, Kelly Jansen, Megan Madill; (back, left to right) Mallory Olson, Heather Vandecar, Shalee Cox, Andria Alvarez. The team finished third in the conference this year.

Triathlon included in Winter Fun Days events

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three-person teams will assign each team member one leg of the event and the three will generate a combined time.
Competition begins at Ray's Canoe Livery at 9 a.m. Pre-registration cost is \$20 for Saturday and \$36 for Sunday. Race day registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$25 on Saturday and \$50 on

Sunday.
Each competitor will receive a race souvenir and medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in mens and womens divisions in three age categories - Junior, Classic, and Masters - at the post-race lunch to be held at the Fred Bear Memorial Center at Hanson Hills.
This year's Winter Fun Days Festival at Hanson Hills will also include a chili cook-off, downhill

canoe races, business olympics, lumberjack breakfast, skiing and snowboarding, and more.
For more information, call (989) 348-9266 or visit the Hanson Hills website at: www.hansonhills.org

WOMEN'S POOL LEAGUE

Standings	
Sawmill II	158
Spikes	148
Swamp II	132
Frederic Inn	132
Legion	121
Plaza	115
Holiday Inn	108
Sawmill I	97
5 Ball Run: Vickie, Frederic Inn; Sandy, Sawmill II; Dee, Spikes; Barb and Michelle, Legion; Rose and Annette, Swamp II.	
6 Ball Run: Lanette, Spikes.	

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL COURT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
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David J. Guelde and Teri S. Guelde Plaintiff
David R. Sabin P19822 Attorney for Plaintiffs
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v
Barry Rousseau, et al Defendant
To: Caroline Merz, Diane Carpenter and Gary Ellsworth
It is ordered:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court regarding the abandonment of an alley located in Block 5, 1st Addition to Portage Lake Park, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and the vacation thereof. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 27, 2002. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
Honorable Alton T. Davis P24472 Judge
Date: 2-8-02
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH RATE FEES AND REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE AND EXTENDED MOVE PERMITS

The Crawford County Road Commission will be conducting a Public Hearing in conjunction with its regularly scheduled Board meeting February 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

Purpose for the meeting is to set fee schedules and establish conditions and regulations for proposed changes to Crawford County Road Commission's existing Single and Extended (Annual) Move Permits, pursuant to Sections 717(7) and 725 of 1949 PA 300 as amended.

Information may be obtained prior to the meeting by contacting the Road Commission office at 989-348-2281, between the business hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Notice posted January 31, 2002

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 (FORMER SECTION 18) APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2003, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 (former Section 18) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Eighteen thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$518,890) in state operating assistance or general public transit services; One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$124,739) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for replacement buses, equipment and other undertakings eligible for capital project support.



The proposed application is stored on an electronic file at the CCTA administrative offices and may be reviewed during the month of February 2002. An appointment may be scheduled to review the application by telephoning 348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2002. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

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Vikings of the Week

Trevor Clough
Kassie McClain

Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
TREVOR CLOUGH & KASSIE MCCLAIN

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• 7 & 9:00pm Nightly
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vernon Overmeyer, a/k/a Vernon

Overmeyer (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated August 6, 1997, and recorded on September 17, 1997 in Liber 438, on Page 73, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 28/100 dollars (\$8,195.28), including interest at 15.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on March 6, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP

OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 740, Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit #6, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Pages 01 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 24, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Jaguars 248-593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200121978

-24-31-7-14-21

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by William J. Lund a/k/a W. Jack Lund and Kathleen E. Lund, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties, not as tenants in common, of 1915 N. Dennis Road, Ludington, Michigan 49431, to Citizens Bank d/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan banking association, of 305 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, dated April 14, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on April 18, 1995, in Liber 392, Page(s) 489, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the

date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$172,519.20, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale

contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on March 6, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case#Z214-02 Request for a 2' variance to make lot more conforming footage wise.

Petitioner: Lois A. Proper
2072 E. Pioneer Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

The above case refers to the following described property:
2072 E. Pioneer Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

COM AT THE NW COR OF SEC 33, T25N R2W, & RUNNING TH ELY ALONG THE SC LINE 329.8 FT, TH SLY 33 FT TO THE SLY SIDE OF THE COUNTY ROAD FOR POB, TH SLY 136.7 FT, TH WLY 148.4 FT, TH NLY 136.55 FT, TH ELY TO POB, 1/2 ACRE, M/L.

Property Code: 20-062-033-006-110-00

Zoning District: LDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 5, 2002 at 9am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 11, 2002 9am-noon
1pm-4pm

Thurs., March 14, 2002 1pm-4pm
6pm-9pm

All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

-14-21-28-7

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #02-02: Robert & Susan McCurdy, petitioners
045-766-16-007-00
T26N, R4W, Sec. 8
N. 55' of lots 6-12, Portage Lake Park, 6th Addition, Block 16
1337 Maybelle Ave.
R-2 Zone

A request to replace an existing non-conforming residence & detached accessory building with a new one-story residence with attached garage. Closest point of new construction 6' from the N. side lot line, a variance of 4'; and 6' from the S. side lot line, a variance of 4'.

Case #02-3: Tom & Janet Cogswell, petitioners.
045-160-00-010-00
T26N, R3W, Sec. 12
Lot 10, Babbitts AuSable River Park Sub.
354 West Park Drive
NRD Zone

A request to (1) add 16'x34' addition to an existing residence 50' from the mainstream, a variance of 144' (includes 6' rise in bank) and 16' from the east side lot line, a variance of 24'. (2) to construct a 38'x44' (2 story) detached accessory building 6' from the proposed addition, a variance of 9'; 72' from the mainstream, a variance of 122' (includes 6' rise in bank); 10' from the east side lot line, a variance of 20'; and 15' from the rear lot line, a variance of 15'.

Case #02-4: Art & Diane Clough, petitioners.
045-766-12-001-00
T26N, R4W, Sec. 9
Lots 1-10, Portage Lake Park, 6th Add., Block 12
9340 Romany Ave.
R-2 Zone

A request to construct a 36'x42' residence 38' from the rear lot line, a variance of 12'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 10.50 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Citizens Bank d/k/a Grayling State Bank, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lots 1 through 6, Block 27, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

Citizens Bank d/k/a
Grayling State Bank
Mortgagee
BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Thomas R. Alward (P 31724)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660
Dated: January 16, 2002

-24-31-7-14-21

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 02-6403-DE

Estate of Marjorie Arleen Rowe, Deceased, Date of Birth 09-18-1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marjorie Arleen Rowe, who lived at 998 Norway Pine Drive, Grayling, Michigan died January 31, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathy Dee Ridgely, c/o David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

February 5, 2002
Kathy Dee Ridgely
Personal representative
David R. Sabin P19822, attorney
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5588

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by William H. Parker and Tonya L. Parker husband and wife, signing to waive her dower rights (original mortgagors) to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2000, and recorded on November 20, 2000 in Liber 522, on Page 621, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 77/100 dollars (\$106,350.77), including interest at 8.068% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 27, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Block 19 of original Plat of the Village (now city) of Grayling, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2002
For Information, Please Call:
Falcons 248-593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200132501
Falcons

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2002 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2002				
101 Agricultural	221,400	274,962	40.26	1.2419
201 Commercial	2,615,300	2,630,028	49.72	1.0056
301 Industrial	13,515,300	13,515,300	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	37,410,000	40,010,695	46.75	1.0695
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	53,762,000	56,430,985		
TOTAL PERSONAL	20,131,500	20,080,761	50.13	0.9974
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	73,893,500	76,511,746		

FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2002				
101 Agricultural	2,287,400	3,477,348	32.89	1.5202
201 Commercial	1,675,100	1,802,345	46.47	1.0760
301 Industrial	319,700	332,536	48.07	1.0401
401 Residential	38,252,400	43,937,974	43.53	1.1486
501 Timber Out-Over	1,470,700	1,992,818	36.90	1.3550
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	44,005,300	51,543,021		
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,353,400	7,353,172	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	51,358,700	58,896,193		

GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2002				
101 Agricultural	1,388,000	1,916,597	36.21	1.3808
201 Commercial	6,885,300	8,259,717	41.68	1.1996
301 Industrial	21,887,900	22,037,756	49.66	1.0068
401 Residential	144,004,000	159,578,900	45.12	1.1082
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	174,165,200	191,792,970		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,097,200	6,095,017	50.02	0.9996
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	180,262,400	197,887,987		

LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2002				
101 Agricultural	2,895,300	3,682,650	39.31	1.2719
201 Commercial	884,900	1,012,471	43.70	1.1442
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	43,888,200	50,985,362	43.04	1.1617
501 Timber Out-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	47,668,400	55,680,483		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,778,500	3,773,474	50.07	0.9986
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	51,446,900	59,453,957		

MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2002				
101 Agricultural	257,700	312,818	41.19	1.2139
201 Commercial	519,600	569,987	45.58	1.0970
301 Industrial	1,073,000	1,148,084	46.73	1.0700
401 Residential	14,779,300	17,649,032	41.87	1.1942
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	16,629,600	19,679,921		
TOTAL PERSONAL	1,592,600	1,594,705	49.93	1.0014
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	18,222,200	21,274,626		

SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2002				
101 Agricultural	2,401,500	2,985,455	40.22	1.2432
201 Commercial	1,789,000	1,956,474	45.72	1.0936
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	69,792,700	79,635,668	43.82	1.1410
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	443,300	443,300	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL REAL	74,426,500	85,020,897		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,024,000	3,042,272	49.70	1.0060
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	77,450,500	88,063,169		

CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2002				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	24,900,800	28,628,190	43.49	1.1497
301 Industrial	5,010,300	4,970,535	50.40	0.9921
401 Residential	16,082,000	17,340,953	46.37	1.0783
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	45,993,100	50,989,678		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,128,300	6,131,118	49.98	1.0004
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	52,121,400	57,070,796		

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 15, 1979

Canoeing in wintertime? While the mercury hovered around 10 degrees Joe Wakeley, owner of Jolly Redskin Canoe Livery, and Dave Hawkins, were found with snowblowers and shovels digging out. What? Canoes, of course, what else, in preparation for a group of twenty-four people from the Tri-City area who canoed from Louie's Landing to Wakeley Bridge on Sunday while the thermometer never got much above 10 degrees. The only redeeming thing was that the sun shone brilliantly all day Sunday and must have given the canoeist gorgeous scenery on the river. The same group has been making winter canoe trips for many years.

Holiday Inn expansion construction continues throughout the winter aimed toward a June opening date, according to Ron Fraser, Inn owner. Eleven gigantic beams have already been installed, each measuring 120 feet in length, eight feet wide and 38 inches deep, consisting of 47 tons of concrete and steel. Smaller beams will be installed throughout this week, requiring a 100 ton and 50 ton crane to lift them in place.

Things got off to a flying start this past weekend at Hanson Hills Sports Park, focal point of this year's 54th Winter Festival, as throngs partook of (or just came out to enjoy and observe) a full

schedule of weekend activities. Things got rolling last Thursday night at the Grayling Red Barn when a full house saw Miss Sue Burr crowned as this year's Winter Sports Queen. Sue, a Grayling High senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Burr of Grayling, reigned over this past weekend's schedule of events, all of which sets the stage for next weekend's "wrap-up" to conclude Grayling's granddaddy of Michigan Winter fetes. Fawn Isenhauer and Karen Hazen were named first and second runnerup in the Queen competition, in which fourteen candidates competed.

46 Years Ago February 16, 1956

The Grayling High Vikings got the Grayling Winter Carnival weekend off to a good start last Friday night when they convincingly whipped highly favored Charlevoix Rayders in Northern Class C conference game in the new Grayling Gym by a thumping 67 to 50 score.

Thanks are due the businessmen of Grayling for their help in supporting the Grayling Bow Hunters in their 1956 membership drive. We believe you will find before the year is over that you have benefited the entire community; rather than just those who are archer's. The bow hunters have already booked two dated, state-wide tournaments; one in July and one in September. Also, in co-operation

with the Sportmen's Club, they are brewing plans for the first of a series of annual sucker shoots, to be held in the Spring just prior to trout season.

Students of the Senior Class of Grayling High School and members of the Student Council are joining to sponsoring a benefit dance this Saturday evening for the Charles Koway family who lost their home in fire on February 3rd.

69 Years Ago February 16, 1933

Grayling High broke even with the old rival last Friday night as Gaylord won the battle between the regulars and Grayling's reserves took the opener. It was an interesting evening of basketball for a good-sized and noisy crowd. The Grayling Cubs negotiated a 19 to 10 win, but the first team went down fighting before a five-point margin, 18 to 13. Both games were very hard fought and full of action.

While this cold weather has brought on the winter sports it doesn't seem to have hindered some of the summer sports either. Last Sunday John Bruun and Dr. Stealy spent the day on the AuSable River. Sailing down in a canoe, carrying the canoe across the stillwater, which had frozen, and even stopping to build a fire for a feed in the open. They left the Grayling landing at 9:45 a.m. and arrived at their destination at 3:35 p.m.

Gail Welsh, Mary Gretchen Connine and Elaine Reagan will give a tap dance and Billyann Clippert a pony dance Friday night

at the Winter Sports show.

92 Years Ago February 17, 1910

Away with the dirty cup at the school pump.

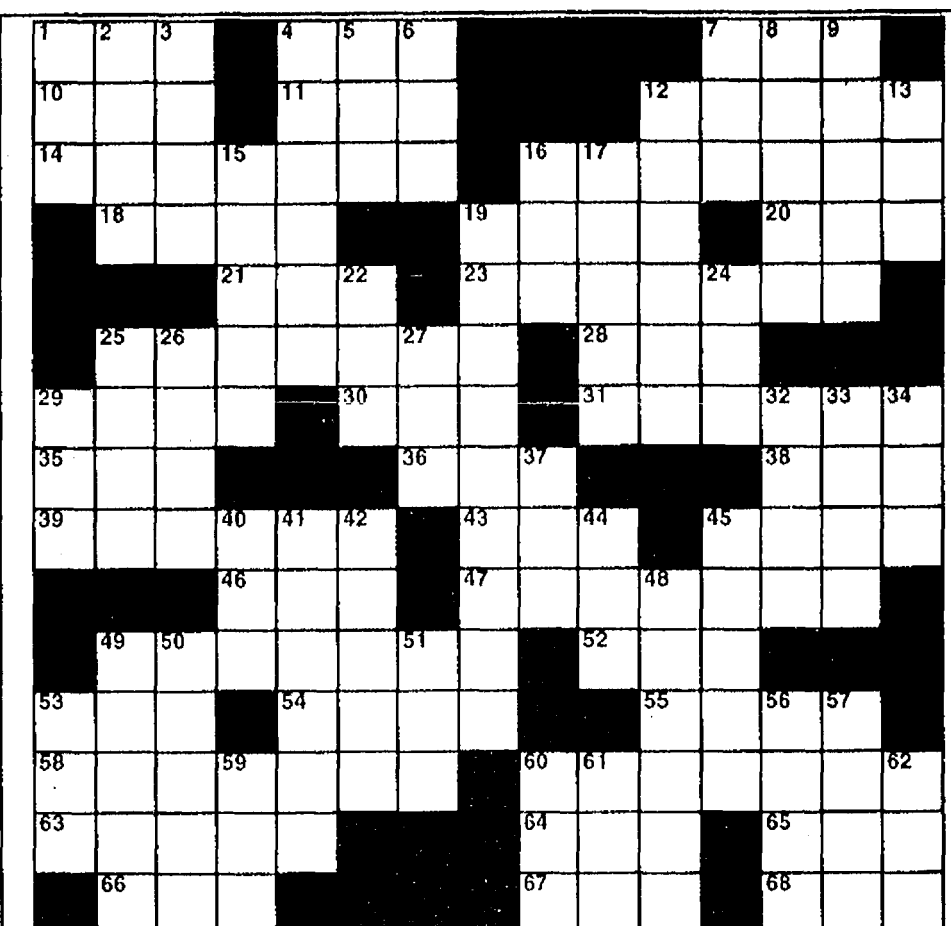
H. Peterson was in Saginaw on Business the fore part of the week.

The ice man is nearly through with his winter harvest, having put up more of the congealed fluid than ever before, and only having been delayed at times by an excess of snow.

Reports say that Game Warden Babbitt has been quite busy of late, finding persons appropriating meat and fish for their own use which the law says belongs to the state at this season of the year.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the winter was the Fancy Dress party given Saturday evening by Miss Margrethe Hanson at her home on Peninsular Avenue. Each guest was requested to represent some special day of the year, and Martha Washington and the Puritan maids were there with St. Patrick and Thanksgiving days, and nearly all of the days we observe were represented. The spacious rooms were artistically decorated with hearts and flowers, and throughout the evening music was furnished by Phelps orchestra. Hearts was the game of the evening, and later the gentlemen tried their skill, with the bow and arrow, piercing hearts that were hanging about, on the back of which was the name of the one whom they were to have as their lady at the very elaborate banquet which was served.

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1. Computer Aided Drafting: abbr.
4. Elongated head with loosely packed, dark-green leaves
7. Thousand cubic foot abbr.
10. Single Lens Reflex: abbr.
11. Laugh noise
12. Volcanic craters
14. Coward
16. Adjustable wrench
18. Abba, Israeli politician
19. Expression of praise
20. Word element meaning ear
21. Edgar Allan, poet
23. Lures through the use of arousal
25. Grants, religiously
28. Mode, with ice cream
29. Netherlands river
30. Tightly stretched canvas bed, often in the military
31. Canastas
35. Pub
36. A person's brother or sister
38. A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
39. Digestions
43. Taxi
45. Wear away due to heat
46. Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin
47. Love unquestioningly and uncritically
49. Sweetened
52. Own (Scottish)

53. Megahertz: abbr.
54. The compass point that is one point east of north
55. To live with dullness or tediousness
58. Large footsteps
60. A way to front
63. Roman jurist
64. Bachelor of Civil Engineering: abbr.
65. Government language
66. Lowest Common Denominator: abbr.
67. Swiss river
68. Date of Birth: abbr.

DOWN

1. Reciprocal of a sine: abbr.
2. Wings
3. Negligible amount
4. Trousers made with chamois cloth
5. An awkward stupid person
6. Superhigh frequency: abbr.
7. Woman's counterpart
8. Slender boat with pointed ends
9. Divisions on the necks of guitars
12. Former Philippine capital
13. Standing Room Only: abbr.
15. Cassettes
16. Senator: shortened form
17. Reddish long-tailed monkey of W. Africa
19. A chemical used to kill pests (as rodents or insects)
22. Monetary unit
24. Shaped rotating disk to convert circular into linear motion
25. Sheep noises
26. Gulls
27. The winged goddess of the dawn in ancient mythology
29. Master of Business Administration: abbr.
32. Joan, folk singer
33. Capable
34. Pre-college exam
37. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
40. Degree: shortened form
41. African antelopes
42. Obsequious use of title
44. Constrictor, type of snake
45. Town in N. Dakota
48. Liberation proponent (informal)
49. About bristle
50. Finno-Ugric
51. The compass point that is one point S of due E
53. Message: abbr.
56. "I can't like a book"
57. Inside: prefix
59. Insertable birth control device
60. Small Business Administration: abbr.
61. Fiddler crabs
62. To apply with short, poking strokes

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS



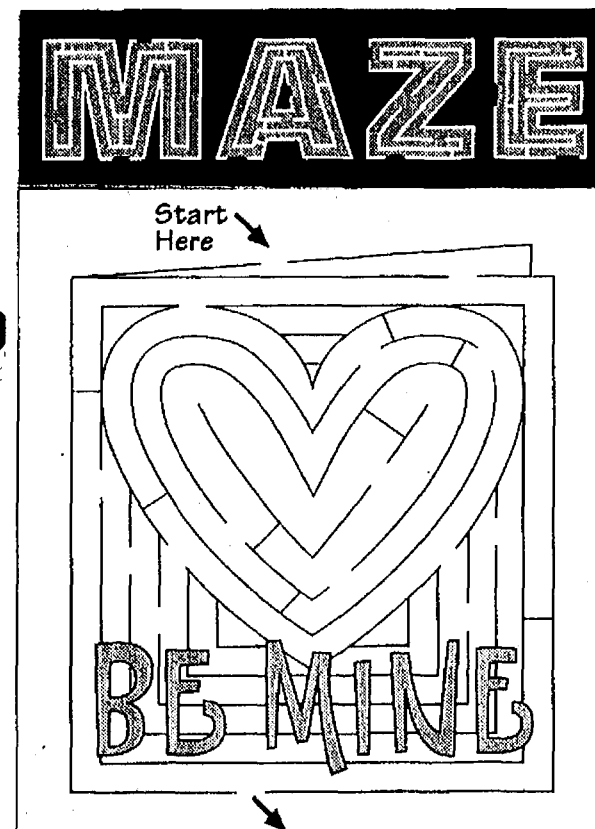
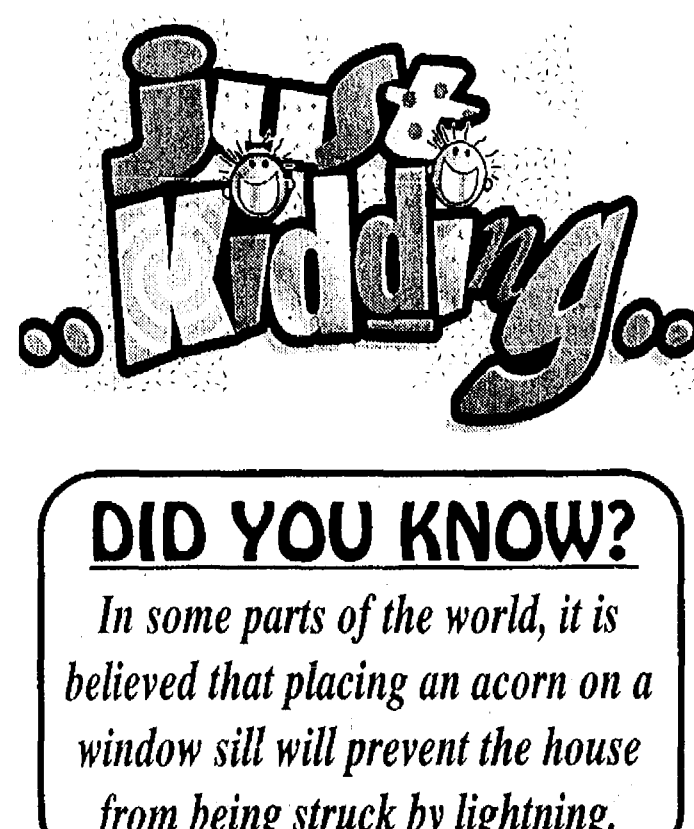
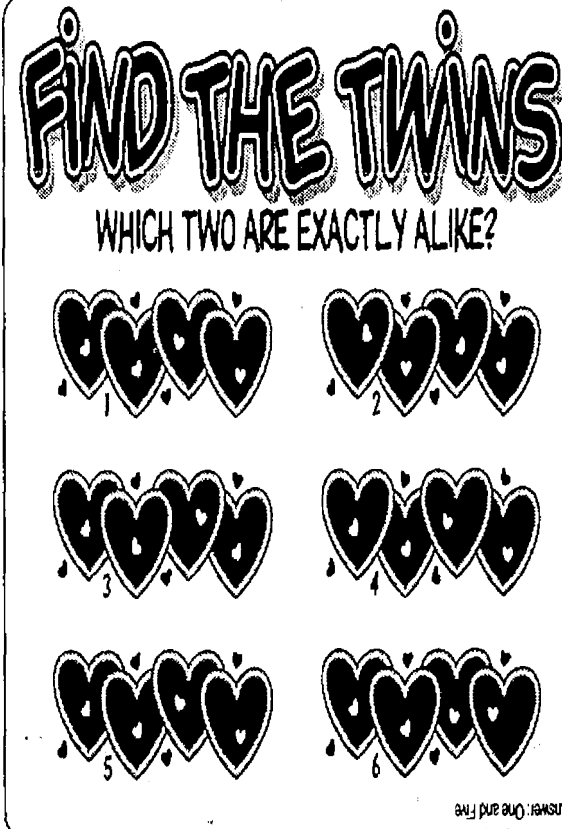
Cheesecake Mousse

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Ingredients:

3 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
3/4 cup whipped heavy cream
Topping and Garnish:
1/2 cup crumbled shortbread cookies
1/4 cup chopped, toasted pecans or almonds.
Sprigs of fresh mint, optional.

With wire whisk, beat cream cheese powdered sugar and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Gently whisk in 1/2 the whipped cream. With rubber spatula, fold in remaining whipped cream. (Mousse can be held in refrigerator up to 1 day.) To serve: Spoon mousse in bottom of 4 martini or champagne flutes. Smooth to an even layer. Sprinkle with crumbled cookies and nuts. Garnish with mint. Makes 4 servings.



Adopt a Pet



Sadie is an 8 month old chocolate lab mix. She gets along with other dogs and is very friendly to people. There are many dogs and cats waiting for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Please call 348-4117 for more information on Sadie or any other animal.

If you are thinking about getting a pet, remember that a pet is a long term commitment. They need vaccinations and have to visit the doctor just as we do. They also need food, water, and attention. A pet who has a lot of attention develops good social habits and manners (something we all need). It is your responsibility to see that your pet doesn't bring unwanted litters into an already overcrowded animal world. Your dog or cat will live an average of 14 years, so if you can't see committing yourself for that long perhaps you should think about a hamster or guinea pig, their life spans are much shorter and, given love and attention, are great pets.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am
After hour appointments available.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 17th



Capricorn
December 22-
January 19

You have an opportunity to express yourself to people in authority. Make your points carefully—people will be listening! Keep budget resolutions and watch your spending.



Aries
March 21-
April 19

Recall a special time or memory. Long-distance communication is coming your way. Your accomplishments are being recorded and someone in authority gives you the green light.



Cancer
June 22-
July 22

Your talents and abilities are emerging. You'll know just what to do and when to do it. Supporting others is important, but make sure to take time for yourself, as well. Watch diet, health resolutions.



Libra
September 23-
October 22

Make the first move to end a recent quarrel or disagreement. Say what needs to be said but keep a rein on your temper. Someone behind the scenes is on your side.



Aquarius
January 20-
February 18

Concentrate your time and energy on projects which bring satisfaction. Focus on what's really important to you. A friend or family member offers helpful advice.



Taurus
April 20-
May 20

People are drawn to your enthusiasm and energy. Make sure you have the facts before making a proposal or presentation. Take your time and get more accomplished.



Leo
July 23-
August 22

Domestic dealings give you a reason to celebrate. A problem which seemed like it would never end is resolved to your satisfaction. Take an opportunity to help others.



Scorpio
October 23-
November 21

You can be your own worst critic. Realize you have more strengths than weaknesses and take advantage of all you can do. A night out with friends or family can be refreshing.



Pisces
February 19-
March 20

You know what to say and when to say it. You're in demand and people look to you for direction. Pay attention to the details but remember the big picture. Get your rest!



Gemini
May 21-
June 21

Friends and family can help provide the balance you need in life. A new project proves to be just the thing to trigger your creativity. Financial matters require extra attention.



Virgo
August 23-
September 22

A difficult situation turns out better than you expected. Now is the time to try new things and new places. A short trip may be just the thing to revive your spirits.



Sagittarius
November 23-
December 21

Take care of chores and projects around the house. If the seems too big, break it down into smaller pieces. A small purchase brings a lot of joy.

WEATHER					
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Last Week					
Date	H	L	Snow	Wednesday	Thursday
2/06	25	10	7		
2/07	42	15	6.5		
2/08	37	20	6		
2/09	40	23	5.5		
2/10	41	23	5.5		
2/11	30	-9	8		
2/12	35	-8	8		
Extended Forecast					
(Courtesy of Weather.com)					
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High	31	36	36	35	35
Low	21	20	20	18	18
Conditions	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

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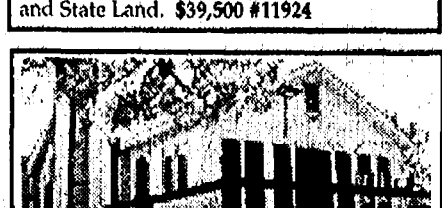
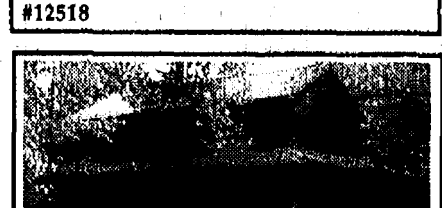

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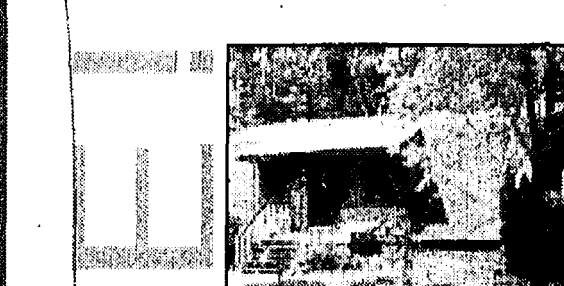
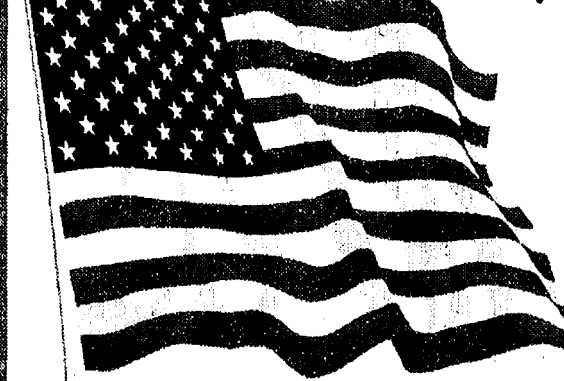
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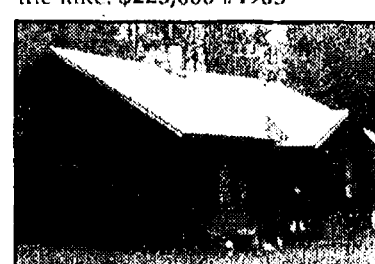
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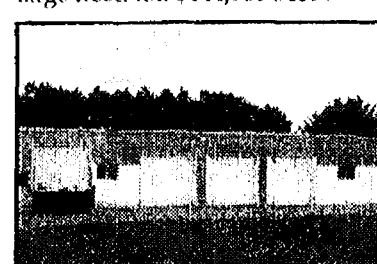
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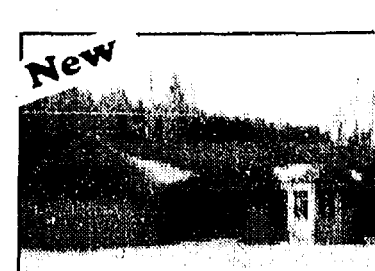
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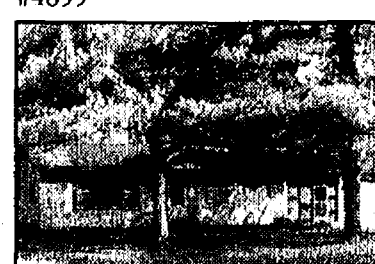
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FOR SALE

The City has a 1998 Dodge Dakota Pick-Up for sale. This truck was used for DPW use and has approximately 115,000 miles, sold as is and may be seen at the Grayling City Garage, 2150 Industrial Drive. This is a sealed bid to be opened at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2002. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids may be dropped off at the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 West or mailed to P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

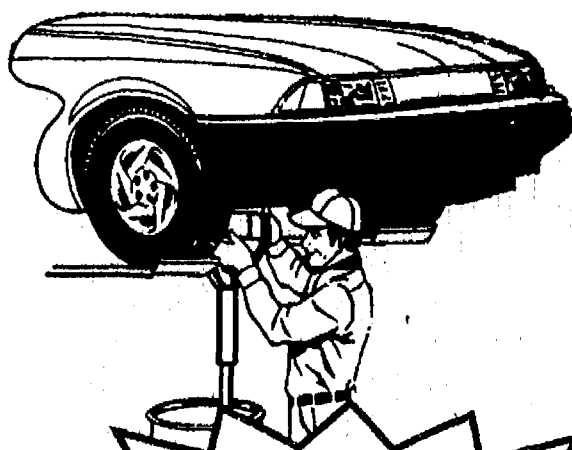
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one day.
I promise,
Sexy

Carrie,
I love you very much -
You mean everything to me.
Love,
Troy Fortune

To:
Dave, Sarah & Bill

Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
Just a note to let you know
that we're so proud of you.

Happy Valentine's Day
With Love
Mom & Dad

Stacey-
The years have dealt us some heartaches
A lot of happiness too
But our love has always been strong enough to see us through
Today, Tomorrow and Always
I'll Love You, Kimberly



Happy
Valentine's Day
to our
Sweethearts

Love
Grandma & Grandpa
Reichelderfer

To
my favorite
mail lady...
Lori,
you always
deliver.
Happy
Valentine's Day
I Love You,
Curt

Carey,
This day I will marry my friend... Those words couldn't of been more true today as they were 9 years ago. The memories we have created are cherished ones, like the pile of unsigned cards and the beautiful daughter God has blessed us with.

Our life may be a hard road to travel, but we have the best guide to help us through it. And as we walk down that path, I'm glad to know that if I ever make a wrong turn, you are there to help me back. I'm so happy to have you in my life and to be called your loving wife.
Love Always, Nikki
GGBU

Nickole,
Roses are red, Violets are blue,
When you leave for U of M, We're going to miss you.
Happy Valentine's Day, Love,
Mom, Dad, Timothy, Aunt Mari,
Uncle Brian & Josh



Happy
Valentine's
Day
Mommy.

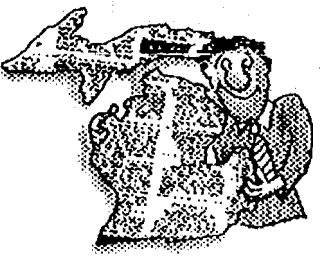
I miss you daddy.

Love,
DamiAnne
(P&M)

You are in my heart forever!
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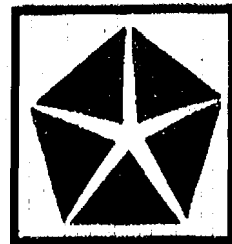
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8. Announcements

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BUY ONE, GET ONE free admission at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park's new tubing hill Wednesday thru Friday, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fun for the entire family! (-31-7-14/8)

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

GRAYLING'S 2ND ANNUAL Poker Stroll, through the uptown merchants, is Saturday, February 23 from 10-3. A prize package valued over \$100 for the winner, plus bonus prizes!!! Check next week's paper for details or call 989-348-4011. Sponsored by the Grayling Uptown District Association. (-14/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. Feb. 13 - Feb. 16 Uncle Ugly, Feb. 20 - Feb. 23 CP2, Feb. 27 - Mar. 2 CP2. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz., \$5. (-14-21/8)

J. DAP CO. Gift Store is having a sale!!! Stop by soon, the sale ends February 23. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. (-7-14-21/8)

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KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02)(f/8)

9. Personals

HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY KRIS (Gus) in South Carolina. Uncle Fuzzy and Aunt Dianne. (-14/9)

ANDY PALMER Keep up the good work. You are almost there! We are all keeping our fingers crossed!! (-14/9)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Auntie Joanne Krayses. With love and Aloha, Jaceyln, Hazelin, and Zachery Tagovoiloa. (-14/9)

11. Automotive

1999 CHEVY S-10 LS with cap, canoe/ladder rack. One owner, well maintained. Red, air conditioner, Vortec engine, under 31,000 miles, \$8,500. 989-348-4124 (-14/11)

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11. Automotive

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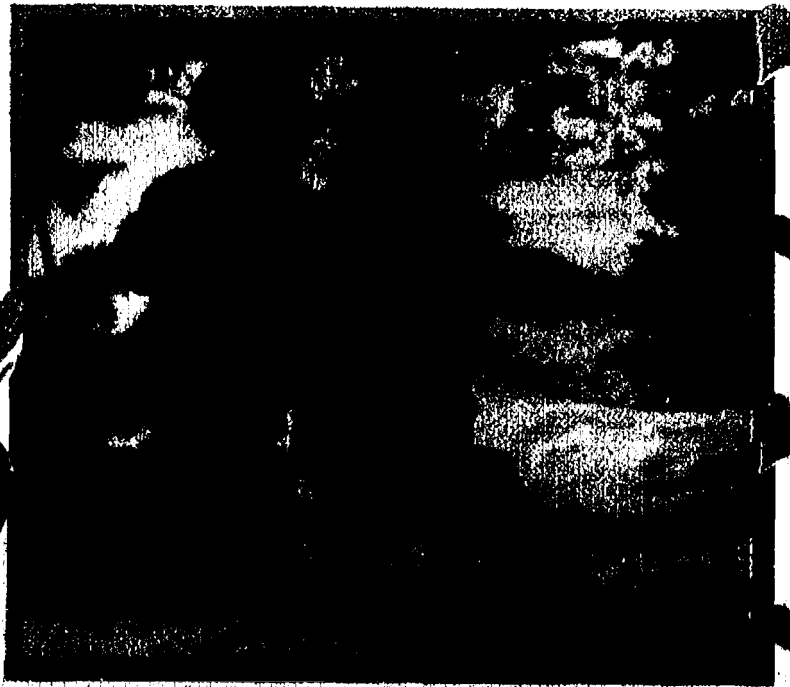
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